

IRA 18 freed in court blow to informer

By Richard Ford

Eighteen men found guilty on the word of Northern Ireland's first important Provisional IRA informer...

The Lord Chief Justice said that though the trial judge, Lord Justice Kelly, had great experience and had taken care, he had overestimated the honesty of Black.

Lord Lowry said he was far from saying that on most of the main issues Black had been demonstrated to be a liar.

Only seven of the 22 were in custody when judgment was given in the Court of Appeal. Among those freed were Kevin Mulgrew, aged 30, said at the trial to be the leader of the Provisional IRA active service unit in the Ardoyne area of north Belfast...



Christopher Black: Brought 38 people into the dock.

He said it was regrettable yet inevitable that the Court of Appeal could not uphold convictions for members of the Provisional IRA even though it might feel sure, in the colloquial sense, that a large group of the appellants were IRA members.

The quashing of the sentences is the latest in a number of cases where the courts have rejected the evidence of informers before conviction and in the only other appeal of an informer case 14 men had their convictions quashed.

Yesterday's judgement came after an appeal hearing lasting 60 days but Lord Lowry said he did not consider it an appropriate step to order a re-trial. He indicated that smaller trials involving fewer people might be better.

Mr Mulgrew said he had no bad feelings towards Black as they had been imprisoned because of a conspiracy between the Director of Public Prosecutions in Northern Ireland, the RUC and the courts.

Christopher Black was the first and as a result the most notorious informer who after his arrest in November 1981 after taking part in a propaganda stunt for the Provisional's publication, Republican News, began naming names.

This led to the arrest of a number of leading republicans in the Ardoyne area of Belfast and their subsequent trial which ended in August 1983.

Yesterday's judgement is a further blow to the RUC's use of informers which have come under growing criticism and have been discredited through the rejection in court of informer evidence, the quashing of convictions on appeal and the retraction or refusal to testify in court by 16 informers since 1981.



Raymond Floyd, of America, wrapping himself up against the wind at the Open golf tournament yesterday.

Gales play havoc with top golfers

Nick Faldo, of Britain, yesterday defied 45 mph winds with a round of 71, to take an early lead on the first day of the 115th Open golf tournament, at Turnberry (John Goodbody writes).

The terrible conditions on the Scottish seaside course meant no early golfer even equalled the par of 70. "Some of the best players in the world are being humiliated out there," said Greg Norman, of Australia, who had a round of 74.

In these conditions, my score felt it was worth a 64. Ray Floyd, the U.S. Open champion, said that they were the worst conditions he had experienced in his life.

But Faldo, who has been strikingly unsuccessful in the past two years after once being Britain's premier player, had birdies at the last three holes to lead the field.

Andrew Castle, who was the British surprise at the Wimbledon Championships, has been chosen instead of the more experienced John Lloyd to play Paul McNamee in the singles of today's David Cup quarter-final against Australia at Wimbledon. Golf, page 28 and 30 Tennis, page 27

The pomp without ceremony

By Alan Hamilton

Hood up and windows closed, the 1902 State Landau drew up at the Abbey door. 200 troopers of the Household Cavalry held their mounts obediently at a red traffic light in Victoria Street, and six mounted trumpeters sounded a fanfare. But no bride emerged, and the Abbey west door remained resolutely shut.

It was as though the whole scene might at any moment turn back into a pumpkin. The Central Band of the Royal Air Force was represented by a quartet, and the route was lined by one soldier every 50 yards. It was as though the defence budget had been whittled down even more savagely than the worst nightmares of the chiefs of staff.

But it was no more than a rehearsal for next Wednesday's royal wedding, conducted in the dawn hours before the traffic got in the way, and for the express purpose of ensuring that the bride gets to the church on time. The bride herself was assumed to be still wrapped in the embrace of Hypos.

It began at 5.59 am when a royal Rolls, bearing only its chauffeur, emerged from the Palace and proceeded at a crawl down the Mall. A family of tourists were already in position by the kerbside. At 6.04 a Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry, which will accompany the Queen on Wednesday, followed, the troopers in helmets but plain

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BT chief gets pay rise of 55 per cent

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Games ban on swimmer goes to High Court

By John Goodbody

Annette Cowley, the South African-born swimmer, will fight in the High Court on Monday for her place in the England team at the 13th Commonwealth Games which begin next Thursday in Edinburgh.

Miss Cowley, who with Zola Budd, the athlete, was banned from competing by the Commonwealth Games Federation, was yesterday given permission in London by Mr Justice Peter Gibson to seek a High Court order for reinstatement. Miss Budd has not yet decided on any action.

The Federation, which was represented in court yesterday, decided both competitors were ineligible because they did not fulfil residential qualifications.

But the court case may not be needed because the Federation yesterday agreed under article 42 to hear an appeal on Sunday from the English Council for both competitors.

This time the full panel of nine officers will hear England's claim that three officers, after consulting their colleagues by telephone, made the wrong decision.

Miss Budd bought a house in Guildford last November but has rarely lived there. Miss Cowley is at the University of Texas and has not resided in Britain although she has said that England is her future "domicile of choice".

Both were originally included in the England team after legal opinion given to the

Amateur Swimming Association and the Women's Amateur Athletics Association said they were eligible. But the Federation's advisers disagreed and on Sunday the pair were barred from the Games.

The case can be heard in the English High Court because the headquarters of the 58-member federation are in London. The Court will judge whether the federation's constitution, which English officials agree is loosely drafted, has been correctly interpreted. The original presence of both competitors in the England team was a secondary reason, after the British Government's refusal to impose full economic sanctions on South Africa, for the boycott of the quadrennial "Friendly Games".

Three more countries, Papua New Guinea, Sierra Leone and the Bahamas yesterday announced they would not be attending the biggest multi-sport event in Britain since Edinburgh staged the 1970 Games.

Nine countries are now boycotting these Games but the number may grow dramatically today when six frontline African states meet in Harare. Tanzania, which has already said it will not be going to Scotland, and Angola and Mozambique, which are not part of the Commonwealth, are expected to put pressure on Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana also to withdraw.

If they all agree India and several Caribbean Islands are ready to follow suit and the Games will be as badly damaged as both the 1980 and 1984 Olympics.

Allies consult on Pretoria mission

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, held urgent talks with Mr George Shultz, US Secretary of State, yesterday in the hope of heading off mounting pressures in Washington and London for tougher economic sanctions against South Africa.

Sir Geoffrey, who is also meeting Vice-President Bush during his 24-hour stay, viewed tactics for his critical mission at the end of this month to South Africa, which has already been rebuffed by Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Administration officials say that a negative response from President Botha could have grave implications for President Reagan's battered policy of "constructive engagement".

Mr Shultz may next Wednesday unveil the outcome of a critical policy review towards South Africa in testimony to the Senate foreign relations committee. He may, for the first time, raise the prospect of future sanctions.

Alternatively, the policy may be outlined by President Reagan in a policy speech early next week, during which he could announce plans to nominate Mr Robert Brown, the head of a public relations firm, as the first black US ambassador to South Africa.

Mr Brown talks briefing: Sir Geoffrey also briefed Mr Shultz on the outcome of meetings in London with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, on arms control issues.

Administration officials said they were increasingly hopeful that there would be talks between Mr Reagan and Mr Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, here in November or December.

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Sanctions shift confirmed

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday confirmed the shift in the Government's stance on sanctions against South Africa.

In the Commons she promised to "carry out faithfully" the European Council accord which said that further measures against South Africa, including a ban on new investment and a ban on imports of coal, iron and steel would be considered if the mission by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, to South Africa ends in failure.

Although Mrs Thatcher insisted that such measures would not be automatic it was the clearest hint that she has given that she believes further measures may have to be taken.

Various government departments are believed to be drawing up contingency plans for possible sanctions after the Foreign Secretary's warning on Wednesday that more measures might have to be taken. Other measures could include a ban on South African wines, fruit and vegetables and a closure of airlinks between the community and South Africa.

Mrs Thatcher continued to stress that the Government's aim was to bring about an end to apartheid by negotiations. Some of her Cabinet colleagues yesterday acknowledged the new attitude that existed. But she said that the Prime Minister had succeeded in making out a case against general economic sanctions.

The most likely measures now would essentially be gestures, but important gestures, it was said by one senior Cabinet source.

Decline of the team spirit

By Our Sports News Correspondent

The Government has received detailed and widespread evidence that team games like cricket, football and rugby union are declining in state schools.

Mr Richard Tracey, the Minister for Sport, who set up an inquiry last December, will consider what action is necessary when he receives reports from physical education organizations.

Among unpublished evidence received by Mr Tracey is that from the Welsh Rugby Union lamenting fewer boys are playing the sport at school, even in the heartland of rugby.

The report says they are being given a far wider choice of physical activities, many of which are not in competitive sports since it is believed that competition is not good for children. "Such a philosophy needs to be very strongly challenged," says Mr Ray Williams, secretary of the WRU.

Mr Tracey has also seen statistics from the Football Association showing a 71 per cent fall-off in the playing of team games in schools, among boys aged 9 to 16, between 1968 and 1982. A paper from Mr Don Robson of the National Cricket Association admits there has been a reduction in standards and numbers of young people playing cricket.

Mr Tracey set up the investigation after meeting the Central Council of Physical Recreation and a delegation from the governing bodies of team sports including Mr Peter May, representing the Cricket Council, Mr Ron Tennick, the Rugby Football Union and Mr Charles Hughes, the FA.

Because of the controversy the Physical Education Association, to which many teachers belong, have set up their own inquiry which will be completed in December. Mr Tracey is also waiting for reports from the British Association of Sports Advisers in Colleges and the British Association of Advisers and Lecturers in Physical Education.

The CCPR are also meeting the teachers union and professional organizations on July 22 to get their views.

The sports lobby has been encouraged by a speech last week by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, who said of the policy to schools that it was a "sour and pessimistic dismissal of the competitive spirit."

"Equality of opportunity means the achievers must be allowed to achieve. If you do not believe that then everything will sink into a grey mass of mediocrity."

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Tomorrow London faces rise in night flights

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

More night flights at Heathrow and Gatwick were recommended by the Civil Aviation Authority yesterday to cope with London's ever-increasing air traffic.

The proposal will lead to a clash between environmental and economic interests, and may prove unacceptable to a government with four marginal seats in the Heathrow area alone as the general election approaches.

But the long-term alternative to more night flights in the London area may be a second runway at Stansted, to which the Government is also strongly opposed on environmental grounds.

The authority recommends an increase in night flights at Gatwick, at present limited to 6.250 a year, between 11.30pm and 6.30am, and to a lesser extent at Heathrow where the current limit is 6.900.

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New high in adult jobless

Unemployment continued to rise last month, according to official figures released yesterday.

The adult unemployment total rose by 15,000 to a new high of 3,220,400. In the 12 months to June, adult unemployment rose by 106,000.

The unadjusted jobless total, including claimant school-leavers, fell, as is normal in June. It dropped by 41,520 to 3,229,372.

But the total did not include 100,802 school-leavers, who will not be entitled to claim benefit until September. Average earnings rose by 7.5 per cent in the 12 months to May. Details, page 17

Ministers prepare for battle on spending

A tough autumn battle over public spending was foreshadowed yesterday as the Cabinet agreed to stick to its planned target of £144 billion for next year (Our Chief Political Correspondent writes).

Within hours of yesterday's 90-minute discussion it was being admitted by government sources that the Star Chamber, the Whitehall court brought into operation in most years to arbitrate between the Treasury and ministers, would have to sit again.

Despite the obvious determination of the Treasury to hold the line, the mood among supporters of ministers who have submitted bids for extra spending well above their departmental planned targets was surprisingly relaxed last night. Continued on page 16, col 1

Company waits for Bolshevik spoils

Mr Foster, 75, described the situation as "a very complicated story", adding "I just do not know what is going to happen. I am watching events just as you are." Mr Foster, formerly in charge of MIM's London office, was married to Mr Urquhart's only daughter, Jean, who died recently.

After his Russian interests were confiscated, Mr Urquhart became involved in mining enterprises in France, southern Africa and Australia, where he provided a much-needed injection of funds to the development of mining at the Inge Mount Isa metals deposits in Queensland, now owned by MIM.

Claims registered by Mr Urquhart included 2½ million acres of freehold and leasehold land in the Urals and Siberia, 12 lead, copper and gold mines, 250 miles of railway, 20 saw mills, eight river steamers, 24 barges and cash, gold bullion and stocks worth £3 million. Capitalist connection, page 18

Portfolio Gold

Yesterday's £8,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition - double the usual amount because there was no winner the previous day - was won outright by Mr David Pattison of Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

There is a further £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list page 21; rules and how to play, information service, page 16.

Spain reflects

The Spanish Government will invite citizens to reflect privately on the Civil War, rather than hold a public commemoration today, the fiftieth anniversary of the day the war began. Page 9

Curbs lifted

Government restrictions on the movement and slaughter of sheep, imposed after the Chernobyl disaster, have been lifted from a further 880 farms in North Wales.

Cancer guide

American geneticists have developed an accurate method of predicting cancers from a study of foetal chromosomes.

Oxford passes

Oxford University class lists in chemistry, physiological sciences and oriental studies are published today. Page 22

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Advertisement for Famous Grouse Scotch Whisky, featuring an image of a grouse and a bottle of whisky. Text: 'THE FAMOUS GROUSE', 'FINEST SCOTCH WHISKY', 'Quality in an age of change.'



# MoD spending controls 'a conspicuous failure'

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The inability of the Ministry of Defence to control expenditure on defence equipment "has been one of the most conspicuous records of failure in the whole field of public accounts", the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee says in a report published yesterday.

In previous reports the committee has severely criticized the management of the Ministry's torpedo programme, and doubted whether value for money was being obtained. However, in yesterday's report they "welcome the latest evidence of progress in the various measures being taken by the Ministry, belated though it is, to secure better value for money from the resources invested in the torpedo programme."

They record the more commercial approach being adopted by the ministry, with about 65 per cent of contracts for equipment being placed by competition, and the reduction in the proportion of contracts providing for payment of cost plus a percentage

profit having declined from 21 per cent in 1981/82 to 9 per cent by value in 1985/86.

The committee says "We note MoD's optimism regarding the prospects for increased international collaboration in the development of new equipment, in particular on heavyweight torpedoes, and the greater effort that we were told is now being devoted to pursuing possibilities for collaboration, although we regret the fact that it has taken 20 years or more to reach this position."

"But in view of their poor record in controlling costs and in their failure adequately to secure competition and international collaboration as a means of achieving better value for money, we reserve judgement on whether there is sufficient evidence of determination to control expenditure on defence equipment, which has been one of the most conspicuous records of failure in the whole field of the Public Accounts."

The Torpedo Programme and Design and Procurement of Warships, House of Commons Paper 406, HMSO, £3.10.

# Six-hour question session for Stalker

By Peter Davenport

Mr John Stalker, the suspended Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, was questioned for six hours yesterday about his relationship with Mr Kevin Taylor, a businessman and former chairman of the city's Conservative Association.

Mr Stalker was interviewed by Mr Colin Sampson, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, the officer heading the inquiry into disciplinary allegations against him.

It came seven weeks after the beginning of the investigation into allegations that the Deputy Chief Constable had kept unwise associations with known criminals.

After the meeting at the West Yorkshire Police headquarters in Wakefield, Mr Stalker: "I am glad some progress has been made."

Mr Stalker said that his role as head of an inquiry into an alleged shoot-to-kill policy by the Royal Ulster Constabulary had not been discussed.

Mr Stalker was removed from that investigation when the disciplinary allegations against him were disclosed on May 29.

Mr Stalker said that he had been told by Mr Sampson that he expected to complete his report within a month and submit it to the Police Complaints Authority.



Sharon Donaldson, aged 19, from Leeds, bounding into a year's BP Dance Apprenticeship, sponsored by the oil company, with the Extemporary Dance Theatre, London, yesterday (Photograph: John Voos).

# New chief for British Council

By Robin Young

Mr Richard Francis, until recently managing director of BBC Radio, is to be the next director-general of the British Council, Mr Francis, who is 52, will take over the £55,000 post from Sir John Burgh on his retirement next summer.

Among the candidates he is believed to have beaten for the appointment is a senior British ambassador still serving overseas.

The British Council operates in 82 countries, and is responsible for promoting Britain through cultural and educational links with other countries. It employs 4,200 people and has a budget this year of more than £220 million.

Sir John has complained vigorously that the Government undervalues the Council's work and has allowed its grant to decline to a level at which the Council cannot compete with its French and German counterparts.

Mr Francis will be the Council's sixth director-general since it was formed in 1974, and the first broadcaster to hold the post. He joined the BBC as a trainee in 1958, and worked in radio features, light entertainment and current affairs before moving to television.

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# Union in campaign for wage minimum

A national campaign to help eight million workers said to be on the breadline was launched yesterday amid claims that a future Labour government would introduce a statutory minimum wage, supported by the Trades Union Congress.

Mr Garfield Davies, general secretary of the stopworkers' union Usdaw, which represents a high proportion of low-paid workers, said that £80 a week had been suggested as a starting figure, but that the union wanted to work towards at least £120 a week as a minimum wage.

He said that the aim was to link the wage to a rate of £3.00 an hour, since many employers were resorting to taking on part-timers at rates lower than those paid to full-timers.

Mr Larry Whitty, Labour Party general secretary, said: "We are committed to strengthen the wages councils, restore protection for young workers, women workers and part-time workers."

He added: "For the first time I believe we have a commitment by both the Labour Party and the TUC for a statutory supported minimum wage, and that is good news for all workers in the retail trade, which is the third worst paid."

The Usdaw campaign launch was preceded by a wreath-laying ceremony at 10 Downing Street to mark the "burial" of young workers' legal minimum wage protection. The Government's Wages Bill removes the under-21s from the protection of wages councils.

# DPP gives fresh hope in Hatton fight

Mr Derek Hatton, the Liverpool rebel councillor, is counting on the Director of Public Prosecutions to get him back into the Labour Party.

He believes his expulsion for membership of Militant Tendency was due in part to the 18-month police investigation into his expenses.

But this week the Director of Public Prosecutions cleared Mr Hatton, announcing that he will not be prosecuted.

Mr Hatton says the decision proves not only his innocence but also his truthfulness. Attacking the Labour executive, he told a press conference: "There is a link between what's happened now and the expulsions."

"Roy Hattersley came out not long ago, saying there was 'liberal corruption in this city'." He added: "This decision by the DPP has vindicated everything we have said from the word go."

"The decision not to prosecute should also have a bearing on the High Court action against the city's 47 Labour councillors over delayed budget setting, he maintained."

And he challenged his Liberal opponents to foot the bill for the police investigation - a figure he estimates to be £100,000.

The inquiry into allegations of claiming expenses to which he was not entitled, began in February - last year, was prompted by complaints from Sir Trevor Jones, the Liberal leader, and Councillor Rosamary Cooper.

"We shall be calling on the Director of Public Prosecutions and the district auditor to involve themselves in that waste of money," Mr Hatton said.

# Woman to head legal watchdog

By Frances Gibb

Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Master of the Rolls has nominated a woman to be the first chairman of the Solicitors Complaints Bureau, which will investigate complaints from dissatisfied clients from September 1.

Miss Jean Horsham, CBE, a member of the Council on Tribunals and a lay member of the Law Society's professional purposes committee which will be handing over its powers to tackle complaints, said: "I am committed to seeing that the Solicitors' Complaints Bureau provides an independent scrutiny over the handling of complaints against solicitors."

"To command the confidence of the public and the respect of solicitors, it must provide an efficient and effective service."

It was also announced that its director will be Mr Peter Thompson, head of conduct and standards in the society's professional purposes department.

He said that the bureau, which will be substantially independent of the Law Society, was a "bold initiative".

The bureau - to be housed in Victoria, London, separately from the Law Society's headquarters in Chancery Lane, will comprise two committees: the investigations committee to handle the complaints first, and the adjudication committee, which will decide if professional disciplinary sanctions are called for and, if necessary, prosecute cases before the independent Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal.

The adjudication committee is to be chaired by Mr Philip Ely, a Law Society council member who headed the society's internal inquiry into the notorious Leslie Parsons case.

That inquiry was severely critical of the society's handling of the case in which a former council member was struck off after overcharging Mr Parsons by £130,000.

# Dismay at night flying proposals

By Robin Young

People living near Heathrow and Gatwick airports yesterday reacted with anger to Civil Aviation Authority proposals that restrictions on night-time flying should be lifted.

Mrs Evelyn Atlee, chairwoman of the Federation of Heathrow Anti-Noise Groups, said: "We are surprised that they should hope to get away with this, and we shall certainly fight it to the death. We want the restrictions tightened, not lifted."

Mrs Atlee said: "British Airways were already landing long-haul flights into Heathrow four during the night so they could observe noise restrictions at Kennedy airport."

"We are extremely concerned that there may now be a move to readmit charter flights to Heathrow and to fly at off-peak times, so that local residents will have no period of quiet at all."

Last year the federation took three cases to the European Court on behalf of homeowners, who claimed that their lives were made intolerable by aircraft noise. One won the right to be bought out by the British Airports Authority and a second won compensation. The third is yet to be decided, while another 20 are now in preparation.

The London Borough of Hounslow, where Heathrow is situated, has already complained that the monitoring of night-time taxiing at Heathrow's new Terminal Four is inadequate, and has produced readings of its own to show that the introduction of allegedly quieter planes has brought no improvement.

A 28-strong consortium of local authorities in the South-east are to meet on Tuesday to discuss their reactions to the CAA proposal.

Though most aircraft are now fitted with "quiet" engines, planes are also getting larger, and noise limits for bigger planes are higher. This means that many planes, permitted under the new rules, are actually noisier than smaller "noisy" planes, such as Tridents, which have now been modified or phased out.

The Consumers' Association, the publishers of Which?, says it is at night that people are most affected by aircraft noise. They recently said that regular disturbance of sleep could have major psychological effects.

The opponents of the CAA scheme also emphasize that Mr Graham Eyre QC, the Airports Inquiries Inspector, whose report was published in December 1984, concluded night operators already caused so much disturbance at Heathrow and Gatwick that night flights should be further reduced or even totally banned.

# Compact knowledge archives

Books, legal advice and technical expertise will soon be available on compact disc (Bill Johnstone writes).

The discs, about the size of a beer mat and used by record companies for high-quality stereo music, are to be exploited by a new venture in electronic publishing.

Thirty of Britain's top publishers have joined forces to launch the Knowledge Warehouse, an archive from which information will be published in electronic form. The compact disc is the first electronic means to be used.

The paper money included the rare five-shilling, halfpenny and shilling notes printed during the 1914-18 war in case a serious shortage of silver developed. They were never issued and were supposed to have been pulped in the 1920s but some survived.

The five-shilling note made £1,100 (estimate £400 - £600), the halfcrown £1,320 (estimate £500 - £700) and the rare shilling £1,870 (estimate £500 - £700).

Sotheby's sale of English silver totalled £215,876 with 17 per cent unsold. The top price was £33,000 (estimate £23,100 - £30,000) for a 1735 30 oz Paul de Lamerie coffee pot.

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# Police checks for jobs with children

People who work with children are to be checked against police criminal records in an attempt to eliminate sex offenders.

The Home Office yesterday announced arrangements for local authorities to gain access to police records on staff and volunteers working with children and similar guidelines will be released in the next few months for the National Health Service and independent schools.

The move comes after an inter-departmental inquiry into the murder of a girl aged four by a sex-offender, who was employed by a local authority as a babysitter.

Mr David Mellor, a junior Home Office minister, said: "Although we can never guarantee that people with paedophile and other perverse natures won't be employed, it will filter out people with convictions."

"Every conviction on record will be disclosed. I think people are concerned about child abuse but realize that in some instances, however vigilant, it can't be avoided."

"I would not care to be a local authority which did not run a proper check if these arrangements were in force."

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# South African food sales increasing

Political controversy over South Africa and the prospect of trade sanctions have had a negligible effect on consumer attitudes. Although some people have refused to buy South African produce for many years, imports continue to expand.

Last year, Britain imported about £150 million of food, predominantly fresh fruit and vegetables, from South Africa. Greengrocers and supermarkets are packed with Cape citrus fruit, apples and grapes. Pears, plums, peaches, melons and apricots also have a very high quality reputation, and there is no obvious alternative source of supply.

However, the main importing period is virtually at an end, so an embargo would have little or no effect for several months.

Other food imports last year included about £7 million worth of coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and £4 million of sugar preparations and honey, which there would be no difficulty in replacing these.

The once flourishing drinks trade has declined drastically, largely because of discriminatory import duties since Britain joined the EEC, although political considerations may have played a part. Last year imports of South African sherry and table wine amounted to less than £1,800,000.

Yesterday wholesalers at the New Covent Garden wholesale market in south London reported brisk trade in South African apples and oranges.

"There is no sign at all of a consumer boycott," the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Information Bureau said.

The jury will continue considering the verdicts today.

# Auction record set for unusual silhouette

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Silhouette portraits were the poor man's substitute for miniature paintings in the late eighteenth century but at Phillips on Wednesday afternoon a new auction price record was set for a silhouette at £3,620 (estimate £800 - £1,200).

The silhouette was an exceptional one by William Welling dated 1784. Instead of a single portrait head, a woman and a man are depicted at their tea table with a handsome silver tea urn while a little dog watches them.

Welling specialized in these little genre scenes and his work is keenly sought by collectors.

A sale of coins and banknotes at Sotheby's yesterday secured a healthy result for what is a rather depressed market. Among the curiosities was a special striking in silver of Queen Victoria's 1837 crown which secured £2,310 (estimate £400 - £500). It is one of the first items specially issued for collectors.

# Judges hear MI5 case in camera

The Court of Appeal went into camera yesterday so that allegations of "criminal misconduct" in the Secret Service could be discussed.

The court was hearing the case involving the disclosures of Mr Peter Wright, a former senior MI5 officer.

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, and Lord Justice Mustill and Lord Justice Nourse agreed to sit in private to hear the final submissions of Mr Anthony Lester, QC, for *The Guardian* and *The Observer* newspapers, which are appealing against an injunction obtained by the Attorney General in the High Court, banning them from publishing the allegations.

The injunction was obtained after the publication of two articles in the newspapers alleging unlawful acts by security service officers.

The court later resumed in open hearing for submissions on behalf of Sir Michael Havers.

Judgement was reserved to a later date.

# Bullion jury sent to hotel

By Michael Horsnell

The jury in the £26 million Brink's-Mat gold bullion robbery trial at the Central Criminal Court were sent to a hotel last night, six hours after retiring to consider their verdicts.

Seven men have been accused of plotting to dispose of the proceeds of Britain's biggest robbery at the security firm's Heathrow Airport warehouse in November 1983.

The prosecution has alleged that the mastermind of the conspiracy to "fence" the gold was Kenneth Noye, aged 39, from West Kingsdown, Kent.

In the dock with Mr Noye are Brian Reader, aged 45, from south London; Terence Patch, aged 41, a contractor from Felton, near Bristol; Garth Chappell, aged 42, a director of Litton, Somerset; Thomas Adams, aged 25, an asphaltier, from Islington, north London and Matteo Constantino, aged 66, a jeweller from Wheatstone, north London.

They all deny conspiring to handle stolen gold and fraudulently conspiring to contravene the 1983 VAT acts.

A seventh man, Michael Lawson, aged 37, a director, from Hextable, Kent, denies conspiring to handle the stolen gold with the others.

Extra security was taken in court where the trial has been going on since May 6.

The jury will continue considering the verdicts today.

# Cricketeer honoured by Exeter University

Viv Richards, the West Indies cricket captain and Somerset all-rounder, received an honorary doctorate in letters from Exeter University yesterday.

Richards learnt of his latest honour while the West Indies were crushing England. In the England team were Richard Ellison and Paul Downton, the wicket keeper, both Exeter graduates.

Professor Ivan Roots told the degree congregations that the cricketer, aged 34, came from a deeply Christian family and his advice to England in future Test series against the West Indies was "to pray longer and harder".

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# Bad design of housing estates blamed for crime and vandalism

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The removal of walkways on a housing estate halved crime there, and was one of several strategies on crime reduction that had produced dramatic changes, a Home Office conference in Cambridge was told yesterday.

The strategies being analysed are expected to be of value in the new drive for crime prevention, led by Mrs Thatcher.

The initiatives had a remarkable ability to reduce crime according to a report by Professor Paul Rock, of the Department of Sociology, London School of Economics.

Graffiti, litter and the fear of crime are said practically to have vanished when walls were installed around blocks of flats on another estate.

Not a single burglary was reported for two years after the bottom two floors of blocks on the Lee View estate in Hackney, east London, were transformed into houses with backs and fronts, becoming what was called "a normal kind of street".

The alterations conformed to the recommendations of

the Land Use Research Unit at King's College, London. It analysed 4,099 blocks of flats to which design features correlated with such observable signs of decay and abuse as litter, graffiti, vandalism and the number of children in care.

The conjecture was that poor design encourages social breakdown by estranging members of a community from each other, obscuring visibility, spoiling surveillance, and providing an escape route to predators. The walkways were one example of such design.

By early 1986 the unit had been consulted on 10 projects. Professor Rock says in his report. Mrs Tricia Zipfel, consultant for the Priority Estates Project, said that at Broadwater Farm estate, in Tottenham, north London, scene of last year's riots, the reported burglary rate had dropped by 62 per cent between 1982 and 1984.

She said that a local community organization emerged to articulate needs; the local authority set up offices on the

estate; a panel now coordinates services; and the local authority replaced broken glass on front doors, enhancing security.

However eight home beat police officers had not got to know the local community, did not live in the area and had not been involved in the changes. The community had found it difficult to develop rapport with them.

Another initiative, the Department of the Environment Priority Estates Project, was launched in 1979 to improve housing management and decrease the number of vacant properties on estates.

The aim was to move management and maintenance staff from the town hall and put them on the housing estate where they could work closely with the residents. Burglary rates were said to have decreased on all but one estate.

Pioneering reforms by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders on a heavily vandalized estate in Widnes, Merseyside, were reported to have reduced crime.

## MPs seek jail drugs inquiry

Cannabis may be quite commonly found in some prisons, but the extent of hard drug abuse is probably exaggerated, the Commons social services committee said yesterday.

Its report on the prison medical service calls for a national study into the prevalence of drug and alcohol addiction within the prison population and its relationship to crime (Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent, writes).

In 1984-85, 3,737 prisoners were found by medical officers to have some degree of drug dependence when taken into custody.

The committee said that most drug or alcohol addicts are weaned off in prison, but often they are back on within a few days of release, needing effective after-care.

The hospitals of local and remand prisons are often intolerably overcrowded, the report said.

The committee recommends that crown immunity be removed from prison kitchens and hospitals.

"In view of the insanitary conditions in some prisons it is extraordinary that there has never been a serious epidemic."

Miss Vivien Stern, director of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said: "The committee rightly argues that the services of part-time prison doctors and specialists should be provided by the NHS, but illogically refrains from proposing that full-time prison doctors should also be NHS employees."

House of Commons. Third report from the social services committee. Session 1985-86. Prison Medical Service. Vol 1. Paper 73-1. (Stationery Office: £6).

## Jail isolation unit is 'reinforced box'

By Craig Seton

The first of a regime of high-security units to isolate trouble-makers and prison barons in Britain's overcrowded jails is to be set up at Lincoln Prison by the end of the year.

The Lincoln unit, described as a "reinforced box", will house nine long-term prisoners under the guard of specially trained officers equipped for the first time with personal alarms to enable them to call for help.

The aim of the units is to remove the most disruptive prisoners from top security dispersal jails where trouble-makers can create the tension that leads to violence or rioting.

Prisoners can be transferred to the new unit on the recommendation of prison governors and could spend between a few months and a year there, occupying individual cells with toughened walls, ceilings and floors; the bars are guaranteed to have a "cutting time" of 12 hours.

Mr John Sandy, the Midlands regional director of the Prison Service, yesterday conducted journalists around the £500,000 unit at Lincoln. He said: "The type of regime here will be firm, structured, positive and supportive, but highly supervised by well-trained staff. The small minority of inmates who come here will have a chance to cool down and come face to face with themselves."

It will be different from the unit at Parkhurst Prison on the Isle of Wight, which deals with disruptive prisoners with a history of mental abnormality.

Mr Sandy said the exact terms of the regime had not been finally decided, but he added: "It must not be seen as

a punitive regime or a punishment.

There would be physical education, work and supervised recreation. Inmates would receive the same visiting privileges as other prisoners.

Disruptive prisoners were manipulative or those who caused problems not only for themselves but for other prisoners by their aggression, creating "bullets for other people to fire", Mr Sandy said.

They could include "prison barons" who had other prisoners running round for them and who created their own sub-culture within jails.

Mr Philip Harrah, governor of Lincoln Prison, sought to calm the fears of Lincoln residents that violent prisoners housed in the unit could escape. "Nobody is going to break out of here. It is like a reinforced box."

He said prisoners in the unit who did not co-operate with the regime could spend up to 23 hours a day in their cell, being allowed out only for exercise and meals.

The unit was not the end of the road for the most disruptive prisoners who could be brought there. If their behaviour did not moderate they could still be transferred to completely segregated units.

"The idea is to take the temperature out of the situation and give prisons a breathing space."

The proposal for the Lincoln unit arose from the Control Review Committee set up by Mr Leon Brittan, then Home Secretary, in 1983 and approved by Mr Douglas Hurd, his successor.

Home Office prison officials have held talks with the Prison Officers Association to discuss staffing levels in the unit.

## Father is jailed for killing

Graham Murray, aged 24, a van driver, was jailed for four years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday after a jury found him guilty of the manslaughter of his girl friend, who had borne him a son, when she changed her mind and refused to marry him.

The jury acquitted him of murder.

Mr Michael Worsley QC, for the prosecution, told the court that Murray, of Leigh Crescent, New Addington, Surrey, was full of remorse after stabbing the woman, Paula May, at her home in Bromley, Kent, and cradled her in his arms.

He cried out, covered in blood: "Oh God what have I done. I'm sorry."

The future care of the couple's child, Daniel, aged one, whose survival after being born weighing less than 3lb and with complications was widely reported in June last year, is to be decided by the county court.

## Gillick's campaign 'goes on'

Supporters of Mrs Victoria Gillick's campaign for parents to be told if their child is being prescribed the contraceptive pill say that they will continue trying to have the law changed if she abandons her efforts.

The announcement that Mrs Gillick is considering ending her seven-year crusade came after reports that her daughter, Beattie, aged 16, was occupying a Greek holiday villa with three young men, and pictures in a Sunday newspaper allegedly showing the girl sunbathing topless.

Mrs Valerie Riches, secretary of Family and Youth Concern, based in Milton Keynes, said: "Whatever happens, the campaign will go on."

Mrs Gillick is reported to have said: "My children have had long years living with my campaigning. They have had no sort of normal life. Well, enough is enough."

## Old Masters taken in raid on Welsh castle

Detectives were yesterday hunting art thieves who broke into a Welsh castle and stole 11 sixteenth and seventeenth century Flemish and Dutch masters.

Two were later found in the driveway of Penrice Castle on the Gower Peninsula near Swansea, which houses one of the most important private art collections in Wales.

In a well-planned raid, the thieves cut telephone wires to the 10-bedroom mansion, which was built in 1776 and is surrounded by 80 acres of parkland. It is owned by Mr Christopher Methuen-Campbell, a former high sheriff of Glamorgan.

The gang is believed to have used an old railway baggage trolley to carry the paintings still in their frames, to a waiting van or estate car parked nearby.

Det Chief Supt Don Carsley, head of South Wales CID, who is leading 40 officers in the hunt, said the paintings were taken from the drawing room and stairway.

"They knew they were taking good art," he added.

## Lords allow home challenge

A husband, whose former wife killed herself and her children in a moment of despair, yesterday won permission to pursue his legal fight to reclaim his share of the matrimonial home, which was left to his former mother-in-law.

Mr David Barber, a former underwriter at Lloyd's, now living in America, was granted leave by the House of Lords to challenge a Court of Appeal ruling in May, that gave the £120,000 five-bedroom house at Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, to Mrs Jacqueline Calvert, the wife's mother.

Mr Alan Ward, QC, told a committee of three law lords that in February 1985 Mr Barber had agreed to a "clean break" divorce order, trading his share in the house in return for his wife dropping any claim for periodical maintenance payments.

"He consented to give up all his very necessary capital in order to provide a home for his



Miss Faye Dunaway (above), the actress, is to leave Britain for the United States because she feels she may have been missing film and television opportunities (Our Arts Correspondent writes). The actress, who has lived in Britain for four years, said yesterday: "I'm an American actress and that's where my business is." She marks her farewell with a West End stage debut next week in *Circe and Brava*, directed by Harold Pinter.

## Pay farmers to tend footpaths, walkers say

Walkers in the countryside could become a cash crop for farmers under a new proposal for footpath upkeep (Hugh Clayton writes).

The Ramblers' Association said yesterday that farmers could be paid to maintain footpaths and bridges, instead of growing unwanted crops.

Payments could also be made for the creation of new public footpaths.

## Wiring is blamed for ironing death

Amateur electrical installations were yesterday blamed for the death of a mother of two, who was ironing barefoot in her garden.

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## Report on alternative medicine attacked

The British Medical Association was criticized yesterday for its dismissal of homeopathic medicine as "nonsense".

Doctors from the faculty of homeopathy at the Royal London Homeopathic Hospital say a recent report from the BMA "masquerades as a scientific document" and is deplorable.

The panel of five doctors says the BMA document takes a "cursory look" at alternative medicine and is "riddled with prejudice".

Dr John Hughes-Games, president of the faculty, said that as a public relations exercise the report backfired. Inquiries from the public about homeopathy had increased since its publication three months ago.

"Yet the BMA is an influential and authoritative body and this ill-considered document may yet do considerable harm."

The doctors, who are members of the BMA, say the report dismisses homeopathy because it cannot be scientifically explained, and ignores the fact that up to 80 per cent of trainee doctors have expressed an interest in alternative medicine.

It wrongly suggested that homeopathy works purely on the placebo effect.

The report also created suspicion and mistrust and damaged the growing collaboration between homeopathic and orthodox doctors. It failed to point out that homeopathic medicine was available on the National Health Service.

The doctors on the panel use homeopathy to treat 50 to 70 per cent of their NHS patients and say they have had success in treating rheumatism, asthma, skin diseases and recurring childhood illnesses.

Dr Hughes-Games said homeopathy was growing worldwide at a tremendous rate but the BMA had chosen to ignore it.

"Had the working party fulfilled its brief to consider the feasibility and possible methods of assessing the value of alternative therapy" and made serious proposals to this end, we would have welcomed the report."

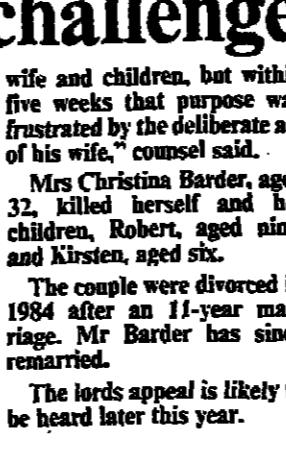
## Chaplin's hat and cane are saved

Charlie Chaplin's hat and cane have been saved for the British public by a group of unidentified film enthusiasts who beat off other bids to buy them for £15,000 at a public auction yesterday (Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent, writes).

Mr David Robinson, Chaplin's biographer, acted as bidder for the group of several individuals and an institution whom he declined to identify.

Mr Robinson, *The Times* film critic, said they were concerned that the renowned hallmarks of Chaplin's silent film career should not go overseas.

"The price was absurd, considering that Chaplin insured them for only five dollars each when he sent them from Los Angeles to an English friend in 1920."



Mr Christopher Chaplin, the actor's son, displaying the hat and cane after it was auctioned at Christie's for £15,000 and, below, the comedian who insured them for five dollars each.

## Weather fees for airlines 'must rise'

The Meteorological Office's superior weather forecasts save airlines £500 million a year, but they pay only £15 million towards their costs.

The Commons public accounts committee yesterday told the Ministry of Defence that the charges must be "increased substantially" when they are renegotiated next year.

The committee found that airlines from all over the world were queuing to order the forecasts to help with their flight planning.

"Based on information supplied by some of these airlines, who say that they are now saving an extra 1 or 2 per cent a year on their fuel bills, the (Met) office's view is that this extra saving amounts to £60 million annually by those

## Operation on boy was 'highly dangerous'

Parents of a boy aged seven who died after a "straightforward" operation should have been warned that it was in fact highly dangerous, a medical expert said yesterday.

Jim McAlpine, of Old Drumchapel, Glasgow, died of brain damage in a Glasgow hospital in February last year, hours after an operation at a private clinic to remove a growth on his lip.

Professor David Allison, a radiologist, said it was imperative that the patient and relatives should know the risks of embolisation; a process of injecting material into the artery to seal off the blood supply to an area.

He told the General Medical Council's disciplinary committee that there was a danger that material could drift into other arteries causing thrombosis.

"There is a small but real risk of the patient going blind in one or both eyes, suffering a stroke or serious brain damage," he said.

"I leave them in no doubt of the possible risks. That is an absolute rule."

The parents of the youngster, James and Linda McAlpine, who now live at Hazel Avenue, Bearsden, Glasgow, told the committee that they were not informed about the risks involved with such an operation.

Mr Martin Webster, a plastic surgeon, and Dr George Vaughan, a radiologist, deny serious professional misconduct over the operation.

Professor Allison, who was featured in the television series *Your Life in Their Hands*, said post-operative care was "inadequate" and he criticized doctors for going ahead with the operation after danger signs first showed up on X-rays.

He said that after the operation the boy suffered violent fits, could not pass urine and complained of a headache and of not being able to see.

"Hours after the operation there were progressive signs of cerebral irritation and loss of reactions.

"In this case post-operative care was inadequate."

Observation should have been carried out regularly after such an operation to look for warning signs of cerebral. Professor Allison insisted.

He also emphasized that there was nothing to show that the operation itself had been botched.

The hearing continues.

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## Ice Age bones unearthed

Leg bones belonging to an elephant or mammoth dating back 30,000 to 70,000 years have been unearthed during excavations for a car park at Bassettlaw Hospital, Kilton, Worksop, Nottinghamshire.

Dr Rogan Jenkins, an archaeologist from Cresswell Crag, an historic site two miles away, yesterday described it as an exceptional find as it was buried on the top of an Ice Age hill in a sand dune which had preserved the bones from river water.

## Call for 'sex book' ban

Dr David Ellerton, of Rostiston Road, Burton-on-Trent, yesterday called for the banning of *Comix to Mecca*, a book containing swear words and allusions to sex, which was given by teachers to his daughter, Elizabeth, aged 13, to read.

He has sent a copy of the book, which is about ethnic minorities, to Mr Ivan Lawrence, QC, MP for Burton, calling for a full inquiry. Abbot Beysne Comprehensive School has withdrawn the book and apologized.

## Inquest told of soldier's death

A teenage soldier died during Army endurance tests to check his suitability for diver training, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mr John Glanville, the Portsmouth coroner, was told that Vincent Anderson, aged 19, of Weston, Bath, collapsed and died while running in 80 degree temperatures in a heavy rubber suit. A full inquest will take place when the results of a military inquiry are known.

## 3 remanded on drug charges

Three men were remanded in custody yesterday after police seized heroin, with a street value of £250,000, in an ambush at Earl's Court, London, on Tuesday.

Charged with conspiring to breach the 1971 Misuse of Drugs Act, were: Frederick Amoako, aged 22, of Tottenham, north London; Keith Graham, aged 27, of Brixton, south London; and Kwaku Boateng, aged 22, of Frith, Kent.

## Jail for 'five wives' fraud

A man, who claimed he had five wives and used 12 aliases to swindle £5,000 from the DHSS, was yesterday at Birmingham Crown Court jailed for three years.

Theodore Kubaska, aged 48, of Church Road, Moseley, Birmingham, admitted inventing the identities of five "wives" to obtain the money from 10 offices in Birmingham and the surrounding area.

## Ex-footballer gets £79,000

Mr Peter Taylor, a former police constable and Norwich City footballer, won £79,219 damages in the High Court yesterday for car crash injuries in April 1981 that wrecked his career.

The judge ordered the damages and costs of the action to be paid by his former employer, the Chief Constable of Essex, who admitted liability.

## Heart man 'critical'

The condition of a man aged 20 who at present has two hearts after a five-hour "piggyback" operation was described yesterday as "critical" in Herefield Hospital, Middlesex.

The man, from Stone in Staffordshire, was given the heart of an Italian boy.

## Bunker plan

A £700,000 sports hall which will double as an operations bunker in a nuclear attack is planned for Spalding, Lincolnshire. The district council is seeking a £100,000 grant.

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### South African dilemma for frontline states

# Dr Kaunda arrives for vital Harare summit on the Commonwealth

From Jan Raath, Harare

President Kaunda of Zambia arrived here yesterday for the southern African frontline states' summit that is expected to play a crucial part in the eventual fate of the Commonwealth Games.

Last night Dr Kaunda and Mr Robert Mugabe, the Zimbabwean Prime Minister, were expected to have informal talks to discuss the agenda of the meeting and work out common positions. The four other leaders are due here this morning.

Four of the frontline grouping — Botswana, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe — are Commonwealth members, and an announcement on their participation at Edinburgh is expected tonight. The remaining two, Angola and Mozambique, are regarded as observers in today's discussions.

Tanzania has already announced its intention to boycott the Games. Botswana is the least influential member of the group, leaving the final decision to Mr Mugabe and Dr Kaunda.

Observers here see a statement by Mr Mugabe on Wednesday cautioning against a break-up of the Commonwealth as a sign of his willingness to compromise over issues on which he has previously brooked no deviation.

His utterances that only South Africa would gain from a break-up have been linked here with a call this week by Mr Shridath Ramphal, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, for compromise over sanctions.

There is feverish hope in local sporting circles that the views of both represent a new spirit that will extend to giving the go-ahead to participation.

The leaders will also discuss the mission by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, on behalf of the EEC, to persuade the South African Government to begin dialogue with its black opposition.

DELHI: India has virtually decided to withdraw from the Games (Kuldip Nayyar writes). The formal announcement will be made after the expected announcement later today

by the frontline African states of their boycott.

There is gloom in the 125-strong Games contingent and many members have said that the Games should not be used for political purposes. Some members recalled how British athletes had defied their Government's ban on participation in the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.

Mr V. C. Shukla, president of the Indian Olympic Association, has said they have to abide by the Government's decision because the Government foots the entire bill. He and other officials believe that, with the boycott by African nations, India will have no choice in the matter as it is looked upon as a pioneer of the movement against the South African regime.

In an editorial, *The Statesman*, from Delhi and Calcutta, said that India's decision to reconsider its participation in the Games "highlights the extent of Britain's diplomatic isolation over the question of economic sanctions against South Africa".

## Boycott attacked by Lange

From Richard Long, Wellington

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, said yesterday that New Zealand would back sanctions against South Africa if they were supported by the summit of Commonwealth leaders, but he regretted the action of nations in boycotting the Games, saying this threatened the future of the Commonwealth.

"The Commonwealth depends upon a curious type of agreement which means none take unilateral action against the interests of the whole." SYDNEY: Britain's Acting High Commissioner to Australia was called in yesterday to hear what Mr Bill Hayden, the Foreign Minister, said were Canberra's "very deep concerns" about the situation (Stephen Taylor writes).

The decision by Papua New Guinea to pull out took even the Hawke Government, which has particularly close ties with Port Moresby, by surprise.

Earlier this week Mr Hayden said the Commonwealth faced a real risk of "unravelling" if Britain failed to respond to the wishes of black African states.

Yesterday he said: "If the white Government would move in some demonstrably important direction, like releasing Nelson Mandela and perhaps recognizing the ANC as a contact group, I think the pressure could be taken off this very difficult situation."

NAIROBI: "There is a danger that the Commonwealth may disintegrate if the one recalcitrant member does not join the majority in taking certain steps." Dr Bolaaji Akintemi, the Nigerian Foreign Minister, said here yesterday, on his way to the annual summit of the Organization of African Unity in Addis Ababa (Charles Harrison writes).

Strong signals on this issue had been sent to Britain, he said, and Nigeria was encouraged by reports that the Queen had expressed her own concern about the threat to the future of the Commonwealth.

## Black states wary of air links ban

From Our Correspondent, Harare

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, visibly winced in the VIP stands of the arena at the Bulawayo Trade Fair as Mr Shridath Ramphal, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, delivered his opening speech in late April.

The flow of anti-South African rhetoric was briefly checked by the roar of the South African Airways afternoon flight to Johannesburg from the western Zimbabwe city.

The incident reflects the irony in which the southern African frontline states find themselves as the possibility grows of restrictions on international air links with South Africa.

Four of the states — Botswana, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe — are all tied in differing degrees to the South African air system.

Maputo and Lusaka each connect eight times a week with Johannesburg.

Air Botswana and Air Zimbabwe rely heavily on their connections with South Africa.

Travellers can choose from 36 flights between Seretse Khama airport in the Botswana capital, Gaborone, and Johannesburg a week.

Anyone flying between Maputo and Gaborone has to travel via Johannesburg.

Air Zimbabwe would not provide details of its earnings from its South African connections, describing the figures as "classified". However, aviation sources here say that cancellation of the route between Botswana and Zimbabwe would "finish" the limited commercial viability of the two frontline states' airlines.

But observers here see increasing signs of intentions of the frontline states not to impose sanctions against South Africa, even if the rest of the world does.

In recent weeks both Botswana and Mozambique have stated they cannot shut off their links with the south. Mr Oliver Tambo, the acting-president of the African Na-

tional Congress, has also said he would not ask the states to do so.

Neither Zimbabwe nor Zambia have given any recent indication of their stance. But senior government officials and Cabinet ministers in Harare privately have discounted the possibility of Zimbabwe's participation in sanctions.

The Johannesburg-Western Europe route is widely accepted as one of the most lucrative in international aviation business, with many international airlines flying regular schedules in and out of Jan Smuts airport.

A total, or even partial, halt to traffic there is certain to lead to a search for alternative routes into South Africa.

The use of airports of the cluster of nations around South Africa becomes the obvious choice for the transit points for air traffic with South Africa.

"It would be fantastic for business," remarked a senior airline official here who asked not to be named. "With our borders with South Africa open for trade and passenger traffic, we could not cope with the demand."

But observers point out that the frontline leaders will have to weigh very seriously the political implications of the situation that will have them neutralizing a costly international effort to force South Africa to abandon apartheid.

Zimbabwe already plays such a role on a small scale.

Qantas stopped flights to South Africa in 1977, but in 1982 switched the route to Harare. The weekly Jumbo flights from Harare to Australia are now dominated by South African passengers unable to catch the SAA flight to Australia.

In mid-May, Air Zimbabwe and the Harare Holiday Inn, part-owned by the Government, were host to the rebel New Zealand rugby team, and their rowdy contingent of about 25 supporters, as they transited to and from South Africa.

Necklace charge  
South African police said yesterday they had arrested a 33-year-old white man in connection with a "necklace murder, in which a petrol-soaked tyre is placed around a person's neck and set alight" (Reuter reports from Pretoria). The man is alleged to have killed a black police sergeant near Pretoria last month and to have tried to make the death look like a political murder. He will appear in court on Monday.

verdict applies only in Natal, at least until the Appellate Division in Bloemfontein has ruled on any appeal against it, legal experts considered yesterday that it had set a precedent with "persuasive authority" for the rest of the country as well.

The Government has not indicated whether it intends to appeal. If it does not, it could simply withdraw the offending clauses or replace them with more clearly worded ones. In any case, most of the shackles on press reporting of unrest, extra-parliamentary opposition, and the actions of the police and Army remain intact.

The ruling reflects an increasing willingness of the judiciary to question the legality of government actions under a constitution which

contains no formal Bill of Rights and in a country where the courts cannot query the substance of any law passed by a Parliament representing less than 30 per cent of the population.

The Metal and Allied Workers' Union, which brought the case, yesterday welcomed the ruling, while regretting that it did not declare the whole state of emergency illegal. It attacked the foreign and domestic press for making only "mealy-mouthed and half-hearted protests" against the emergency.

Meanwhile, rent boycotts, some dating back to September 1984, are under way in 28 black townships, according to a survey released yesterday by the Academic Community Research Group, an independent body based at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg.



Mrs Jackie Onassis (left) with her 28-year-old daughter, Caroline Kennedy, boarding a plane yesterday at Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, for Hyannis, where Caroline will marry Mr Edwin Schlossberg, aged 41, tomorrow.

## Chernobyl to re-start in October

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

As the hazardous process of decontaminating the crippled Chernobyl nuclear plant continues, the station's new director has announced controversial plans for two of the four original 1,000-megawatt graphite core reactors to begin generating electricity again as early as October.

Mr Erik Pozdyshev, who took over the post after the previous director was dismissed, told *Pravda* that the fate of the third reactor, which is situated close to the one which exploded on April 26, would be decided by the government commission investigating the disaster. This is due to present its report in the middle of next month.

Revealing the decision to re-start two of the reactors, Mr Pozdyshev said that a number of matters relating to new nuclear safety standards had to be worked out before they became operational again.

Mr Pozdyshev, who had 26 years' experience in the Soviet nuclear industry before his sudden transfer to cope with the dangerous aftermath of the disaster, said that, from September, staff at Chernobyl would work in 15-day shifts, after which they would go to "clean" zones for a fortnight of rest and medical supervision.

*Pravda* also quoted local Communist Party officials as criticizing the former administrators of the plant for irresponsibility and cowardice, accusing them of failing to enlist enough of the original workforce to help in the massive clean-up operation.

The Communist Party daily also attacked local party officials in Pripyat, the now-deserted town near the plant, alleging that they had not maintained sufficient control over the implementation of decisions relating to the decontamination effort.

Widespread concern among the Soviet population about the effects of radiation more than 10 weeks after the disaster was demonstrated yesterday by the Moscow youth paper *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, which devoted most of its back page to a six-column article headed: "Radiation: myth and reality". It was the most detailed account of the effects of radiation given here since the accident in Ukraine.

The paper informed its readers that once radioactive substances had entered the body it was difficult to remove them and dismissed as a myth the widely-held belief that garlic or alcohol were effective antidotes. It also sought to dispel persistent fears that evacuees from the disaster zone could themselves contaminate others.

## US team develops accurate cancer detection for babies

From Paul Valley, New York

A highly accurate method of predicting potential cancers in babies, even before their birth, has been developed by a team of American geneticists. Already it has saved the sight of a number of children who have cancer of the retina.

The technique, which is based on a study of foetal chromosomes, is said to have a 94 per cent rate of accuracy, according to Dr Webster Cavenee, of the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research in Montreal.

Speaking to a conference in Maine on medical genetics, he claimed that in nine of the 10 cases so far his team has been able to predict the subsequent development of cancer by the use of genetic markers to indicate DNA variations within chromosome 13, one of the

23 pairs of human chromosomes.

The work has concentrated on a rare but potentially fatal cancer of the eye, retinoblastoma, which usually develops in the early years of life. But a report of Dr Cavenee's work in the *New England Journal of Medicine* suggests that it is significant in that it shows for the first time the feasibility of predicting cancer susceptibility.

The only effective treatment for retinoblastoma is normally the removal of the child's eye. Early detection has enabled tumours to be treated successfully with radiation in their infancy.

Dr Cavenee said that his studies had shown the same genetic defect was also responsible for osteosarcoma, a can-

cer of the long bones. Those children who survive the eye cancer were at high risk from this in their early teens. The new technique enables this area also to be monitored regularly for tumours.

The researchers established that the links between the eye and bone cancers are not exceptional. The faulty genes which can produce cancers seem to do so in groupings.

There appear to be links between inherited cancers of the colon, stomach and uterus. Cancers of the kidney, muscles and liver also seem linked.

The work "gives us some hope that the number of these genes is not infinite", Dr Cavenee said. "What we have to look for is one gene that seems to be effective in the development of more than one kind of tumour."

## Turning point in French politics

# Cohabitation crisis avoided

From Diana Geddes, Paris

As both sides in the first sharp clash over cohabitation withdrew yesterday to lick their wounds and to examine the damage done, it became clear that nearly 200 years on from July 14, 1789, Bastille Day this year would mark another — although a more minor — turning-point in French history.

A full-blown political crisis has been avoided, but as M Denis Baudouin, the Prime Minister's spokesman, said yesterday: "Cohabitation will no longer be quite the same thing. The scars will remain. It is the Prime Minister's desire to continue with cohabitation, but the atmosphere will inevitably be more tense."

M Baudouin admitted that the Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, had been taken by surprise by President Mitterrand's announcement on Monday, during his traditional Bastille Day television interview, that he would not sign the Government's decree on denationalization — the first time under the Fifth Republic that a President has refused to sign a decree.

M Chirac had found himself confronted by two alternatives: either to provoke a political crisis or to push through the desired legislation as quickly as possible in the form of a parliamentary Bill.

After consultation with friends and colleagues, he had decided on the latter course.

M Baudouin declined to say what form a political crisis would have taken, or whether M Chirac ever seriously considered resigning. Such a move would not have been in the Government's interests at present, as it would have been

likely to lead to new parliamentary or presidential elections at a time when the Government's policies are failing to attract majority support in the country and when President Mitterrand's popularity has never been higher.

A poll published yesterday in *Paris Match* shows that 62 per cent of the French people have a good opinion of M Mitterrand — higher than his previous record score when he

cohabitation trace by having drawn first. M Chirac may nevertheless be seen as guilty of a form of *lesé-majesté* by having accused M Mitterrand in a televised address when the nation on Wednesday night of flouting the will of the people and of compromising the country's economic recovery.

It was the first time under the Fifth Republic that a Prime Minister had publicly attacked a President in such a way.

Cohabitation, as it has worked so far, has been welcomed by the French people, and most say that they would like to see it continue until the end of M Mitterrand's term as President in 1988. But it may be quite another matter if the partnership now enters more turbulent waters.

In the immediate future, passions are likely to die down. The Government has decided to bypass M Mitterrand's attempted obstruction by transforming its privatization decree into a Bill which will be submitted to next week's Cabinet before being rushed through Parliament before the summer recess.

M Mitterrand has already made clear that he would sign such a Bill, as indeed he is obliged to under the constitution.

But another potential head-on clash is looming when, in the next few weeks, the Government intends to present M Mitterrand with a new decree on electoral reform.

He has already expressed serious reservations about the measure, and may again decide to refuse to sign such a decree.

Another Lebanese girl suicide bomber yesterday drove a car load of explosives into Jezzine, a Christian town high in the mountains east of Sidon, and blew it up in what appears to have been a co-ordinated plan to set off bombs in the area controlled by Israel's "South Lebanon Army" militia allies.

The Syrian Socialist Nationalist Party in Beirut announced that it was responsible for the attack, adding that the girl was a member of the organization.

According to Christian radio stations, Ali Hossni, a Syrian carrying forged Lebanese identity papers, was captured by SLA men 10 minutes before the girl killed herself in the town centre, and allegedly admitted that several other car bombs had been smuggled into the Jezzine district and into Israel's occupation zone further south.

The SLA immediately set up road-blocks throughout the area they control, a spine of mountains that runs north from the Israeli-occupied zone

along the international frontier.

The significance of the bombing — and of Hossni's alleged confession — lies less in the fact of the casualties caused than in Syria's continued determination to pursue its war against Israel and its allies in southern Lebanon.

The SSNP, while notationally independent of Damascus, is supported by the Syrians, and one of its members was involved in the gun battle between guerrillas and Israeli troops near the Israeli border last week.

The Syrians are certainly playing for high stakes here now. While reportedly about to send more uniformed troops into west Beirut to control Palestinian guerrillas and other militias in the city, they are equally intent on maintaining their pressure on the Israelis.

In theory, at least, Jezzine lies outside the Israeli occupation zone, but the SLA, which is paid and armed by the Israelis, controls all its roads.

## Egypt's leader in talks at No 10

President Mubarak of Egypt arrived in London yesterday from Paris on a two-day private visit. He was having talks with Mrs Thatcher last night (Our Foreign Staff writes).

The subjects to be discussed were expected to include a general review of the situation in the Middle East.

He had left Paris with assurances from the French Government that it would help Egypt in its efforts to ease its pressing economic problems. He met President Mitterrand over breakfast.

## Armstrong to give evidence

Sydney (Reuter) — Sir Robert Armstrong, secretary to the British Cabinet, will give evidence later this year to try to prevent publication of a book written by Peter Wright, aged 70, a former British MI5 spy now living in Tasmania.

Temporary injunctions were granted by the Sydney Supreme Court last September blocking Australian publication of the book, and Britain's Attorney-General obtained High Court injunctions in London last month preventing *The Guardian* and *The Observer* from publishing it.

## Missile test

Tel Aviv (AP) — Israel has successfully launched its first home-built anti-missile missile, which destroyed a low-flying TOW anti-tank missile at a range of 3.7 miles.

## Bomb found

New York (Reuter) — Coast Guard officials found a homemade bomb on an island in New York harbour 12 days after Presidents Reagan and Mitterrand met there for Statue of Liberty celebrations.

## Warders held

Amritsar (AP) — Authorities have arrested five prison officials in Kapurthala in Punjab for interrogation about a jail break by four Sikh extremists in which two prison guards were killed.

## Closed down

Vienna (Reuter) — Hungarian authorities have closed *Tiszatari*, a leading provincial literary magazine, in a move which has caused consternation among literary circles.

## Yours costly

Lisbon (Reuter) — Two postcards signed by all four members of the Beatles pop group in the early 1960s fetched 3.6 million escudos (about £16,000) at auction.

## Bush tour

Washington — Vice-President George Bush will visit Israel, Jordan and Egypt from July 25 to August 5 for talks with their leaders.

## AFP strike

Paris (Reuter) — Staff at Agence France-Presse voted to continue a strike against staff cuts, prolonging for a further 48 hours a stoppage by foreign and domestic staff.

## War terror

Lusaka (Reuter) — Nearly 30,000 refugees fleeing wars in neighbouring Angola and Mozambique entered Zambia in the last year and more are coming in each month.

## Pay cheek

Stockholm (AP) — Lieutenant-Colonel Bertil Strobeck, a Swedish Air Force officer released two months ago from a three-year prison term for espionage, is asking the Air Force to keep paying him.

## Cactus killer

Phoenix (AP) — Mr Seth Daniels, a glider pilot, was killed when part of a 20 ft cactus landed on his sail plane after one of its wings struck the plant during landing.

## Mouse alert

Bangkok (AP) — A British Airways Lockheed L1011 bound for Hong Kong earlier this week was delayed for two hours after a mouse was sighted on board.

## Poles held

Stockholm (Reuter) — Three Polish nationals and a Swede were arrested after being discovered on a yacht deep inside a military zone in the waters off Stockholm.

## Hashish hide

Rome (AP) — Police in Civitavecchia seized a ton and a half of hashish hidden under swordfish in a refrigerator truck and confiscated a yacht that smuggled the drugs from Morocco.

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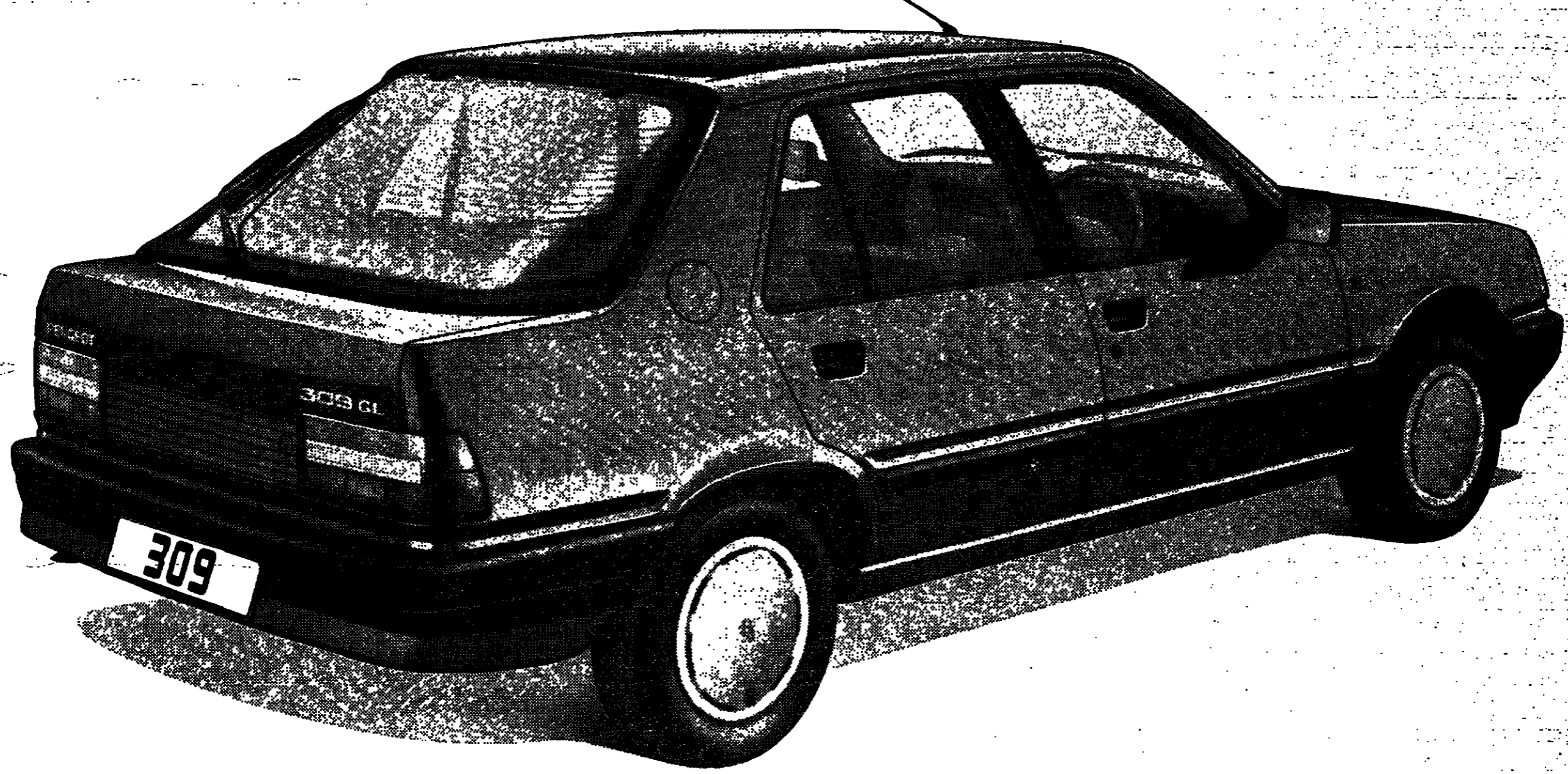
San Diego, California (UPI) — The latest attempt to build the world's largest sand castle — one that would top last year's 15,000-ton giant — has been cancelled because of a lack of sand.



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# Bonn says 'defector' may be travelling spy for East Germany

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Herr Herbert Meissner, the East German who defected to the West last week but who has mysteriously arrived inside the East German diplomatic mission here, now appears to have been an East German agent since 1978.

He was a member of what East German intelligence apparently describes as its "travelling cadre": agents whose East German jobs enable them to move around Western countries and provide a "cover" for collecting information of interest to East German intelligence.

Herr Meissner was a deputy chairman of the East German Academy of Sciences. This enabled him to visit academic conferences and institutes in the West. He performed these duties in several Western countries: a West German official said it was quite probable that he would have included Britain.

These details of Herr Meissner's past were made known yesterday by West German public prosecutors, who said he volunteered the information to the West German intelligence service last week.

He had been arrested after allegedly being caught shoplifting a shower fixture in

Wertheim, a West Berlin department store, and told police that he would speak only to the West German intelligence service. He was flown to Munich to do so. In due course, he allegedly signed a confession.

Then, by a process which has not been explained, he ended up on Tuesday in the East German diplomatic mission in Bonn, with East Germany saying he had been kidnapped in West Berlin and forced to make his confession in Munich.

The West Germans insist that he defected of his own free will.

After his sudden arrival at the mission, the chief West German federal public prosecutor, Herr Kurt Rebmann, announced that he was starting a criminal investigation into his activities. It was officially stated yesterday that he was under suspicion for spying against West Germany.

So long as the investigation stands, Herr Meissner cannot leave the mission without being arrested. But there were signs yesterday that Bonn does not want it to come to that.

If it becomes clear that his request for asylum, and alleged provision of information about his spying, was a

panic reaction to his being caught shoplifting, and that he really does want to go back to East Germany, Bonn would seem to prefer that he be spirited out of the country in some arrangement with the East Germans.

Normally, the Government has no powers to tell the chief public prosecutor to drop an investigation. But the rather obliquely worded paragraph 153d of the Criminal Procedure Regulation gives the prosecutor discretion to drop an investigation into what it describes as a "political crime" if he thinks it is in "the national or public interest".

It was widely believed here yesterday that this is what will happen in this case, since Bonn is particularly anxious to improve relations with East Germany so as to stop the flood of asylum seekers from the Third world, which East Germany is sending into West Germany across the Berlin Wall — an operation which earns East Germany's airline, Interflug, hard currency by flying them to East Berlin for the crossing.

Meanwhile, Herr Meissner spent all yesterday at the mission, which was watched by West German plainclothes policemen in unmarked cars.



Members of Bolivia's anti-drugs unit, known as the Leopards, holding two suspects in the early stages of a controversial US-backed operation in the jungles of the Beni region of eastern Bolivia this week.

# Costa Rica buys US 'push-pull' planes

From Martha Honey San José

Costa Rica is acquiring three radar-equipped, twin-engine "push and pull" aircraft from the United States for use in drug traffic control and surveillance of Contra and Sandinista military activities along its northern border with Nicaragua.

These are the first military-type planes obtained by Costa Rica, which has no Army. But its 10,000-man security force has, in recent years, been bolstered by US training and equipment, and has begun to look increasingly like a military force.

In making the announcement, the Minister of Public Security, Señor Hernán Garrón Salazar, said that the planes would be used to look for marijuana plantations and for surveillance of Costa Rica's several hundred small airports and landing strips. He said the US had offered such planes, which cost \$25 million (£16.9 million) each, to several Latin American countries for drug control.

This is the largest military purchase ever made by Costa Rica. Last year its US military aid totalled \$9 million.

The US last year supplied Costa Rica with two helicopters and four Cessna 206 light aircraft, but the "push and pull" planes are its first potentially military aircraft. This type of plane is used by several other countries, including Nicaragua, for combat purposes, but Señor Garrón said Costa Rica would not equip them with guns or bombs.

Costa Rican and US officials say this country is increasingly serving as a bridge for moving drugs between Colombia, Bolivia and Peru and the United States.

# British two plead not guilty

Los Angeles (Reuters) — Two brothers alleged to have hired four men to kill their parents in order to collect \$500,000 (£325,000) in life insurance yesterday pleaded not guilty to murder and conspiracy.

Three of the men allegedly hired to kill the elderly British couple also pleaded not guilty. A fourth had previously pleaded guilty.

Gerald Woodman, aged 67, and his wife Vera, 63, were shot dead on September 25 in a garage beneath their apartment. Prosecutors allege that Neil and Stewart Woodman hired the four men to ambush their parents in a bid to save their failing plastics company

# Aboriginal art riches found

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

There are parts of Australia so remote that visitors feel as though they have been to another planet.

Nine young Britons have just emerged from one such wilderness after a five-week expedition, during which they discovered an El Dorado of ancient Aboriginal art.

The young adventurers, aged between 19 and 24, were members of an Operation Raleigh group which set off to make the first descent of the hazardous Drysdale River, in a region known as the Kimberley in north-west Australia.

The point from which they set out, about 80 miles west of Wyndham, is inaccessible even to four-wheel-drive vehicles. The only way in was by air force "drop". The only way

out was by canoe.

They discovered that, as well as kangaroos, Australia has crocodiles. Not just the small, freshwater type found on the Drysdale's lower reaches, but the monster estuarine variety, too.

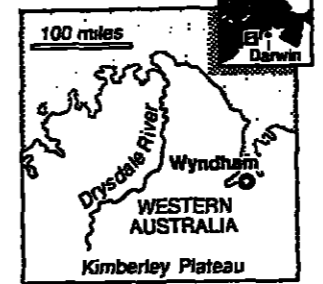
The canoe journey is already being overshadowed by

the richness of the Aboriginal art find.

Clive Richardson, the expedition leader, says: "It was almost by chance. Our progress down the river had been delayed by an injury, and some of the group wandered off among the sandstone cliffs and overhangs along the Drysdale."

Joc Schmiechen, an authority on Aboriginal art, says: "We have only touched on what is a tremendously rich repository of art... we saw hundreds of very fine and detailed figures of hunters and dancers. In places there are whole murals that you could liken to Egyptian wall art."

Some of the paintings are believed to date back about 10,000 years.



# Military accused of Tamil deaths

From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

More than 67 Tamils are reported to have been killed in Muttur in Sri Lanka's Eastern Province on Wednesday, allegedly by the security forces.

The Tamils, more than 30 of whom were said to be from a refugee camp, are believed to belong to villages in Muttur

Peruveli, Mallykattivu and Malaisena.

The Ministry of National Security, meanwhile, says 37 people, including guerrillas and a few civilians, were killed when security forces were attacked in the area.

In Colombo, a Tamil who was prosecuted by the Government for spreading rumours was discharged by a High Court judge yesterday, Paul Nallanayagam, a Sri Lankan who is now a Canadian citizen, was charged under the emergency regulations.

# Russia pushes into space

## Mir mission boost to confidence

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

In contrast to the grounded US space programme, the Soviet Union is poised to press ahead with further rapid development of its plans in space. This follows the successful end on Wednesday to the first manned mission to the new Mir (peace) station and the safe return to earth of Leonid Kizim and Vladimir Solovyov, the cosmonauts.

Commenting on their televised landing and reflecting the new Soviet confidence in publishing details of its former secret programme, Tass said that the first stage of work on Mir had now been completed.

"The cosmonauts conducted overall tests of the structure and on-board systems of Mir, tested and adjusted its equipment and fitted out additional instruments... delivered by two unmanned freight ships from Earth and the Soyuz T 15 craft from the orbital complex Salyut 7", it said.

"The experience of organizing crew work on the two orbital stations during one flight will be used in the operation of multi-purpose, permanently manned compl-

exes with special orbital modules."

After their 125 days in orbit, which included the first flight between orbiting space stations, both Commander Kizim, aged 44, and Engineer Solovyov, aged 39, said on Soviet television that they were prepared to return to space, if necessary, right away.

During the flight, they also photographed the stricken Chernobyl nuclear reactor in Ukraine and made two space walks to erect a platform for future experiments outside Salyut 7.

Tass said that the work in open space helped them to master techniques which would be applied later in the building of "large-scale structures in near-Earth orbit".

In addition to the ambitious Mir programme to establish a permanently manned space station, other goals in the Soviet space plan are known to include a project to send two unmanned probes around the Martian moons, Phobos and Deimos, in 1988 and a much longer-term scheme to send the first manned mission to Mars.

# Gorbachov reforms resisted

From Christopher Walker Moscow

A review of the performance of the Soviet economy during the first half of 1986 by the Central Committee of the Communist Party indicates that Mr Gorbachov is facing a number of serious problems in his attempts to introduce reforms.

Although the general tone of the committee's resolution yesterday was favourable, reporting the achievement of targets in all areas, with the notable exception of the flagging oil industry, it also warned of the "inadmissibility of any complacency and euphoria".

In a highly critical section, the committee's resolution concluded: "It is pointed out that restructuring in many ministries, departments, amalgamations and industrial plants is slow so far. Acceleration has been achieved in by no means all sectors."

Western observers said last night that the resolution provided important confirmation that Mr Gorbachov was encountering stiff resistance to his planned reforms among the entrenched middle ranks of the Soviet bureaucracy, particularly in those areas where perks ensured the self-interest of officials in opposing any change in the status quo.

The toughness of the criticism contained in the committee's resolution was expected to be followed by further efforts from the centre to encourage the type of streamlining repeatedly called for by Mr Gorbachov.

# Ecevit in court over speech

From Rasit Gurdilek Ankara

Mr Bulent Ecevit, Turkey's former Social Democrat leader, who is banned from politics until 1992, appeared in court yesterday on charges which could bring him one to three years' imprisonment.

He is indicted over a speech made on May 18 at the founders' conference of the Democratic Left Party, which is headed by his wife, Mrs Rahsan Ecevit.

In his speech, Mr Ecevit attacked the post-coup constitution as "totalitarian" and issued a call to the Democratic Right for a joint struggle for its replacement.

His address was seen a violation of the provisional articles of the Political Parties Law which bar any links — "even honorary ones" — between existing parties and former leaders until their restrictions run out.

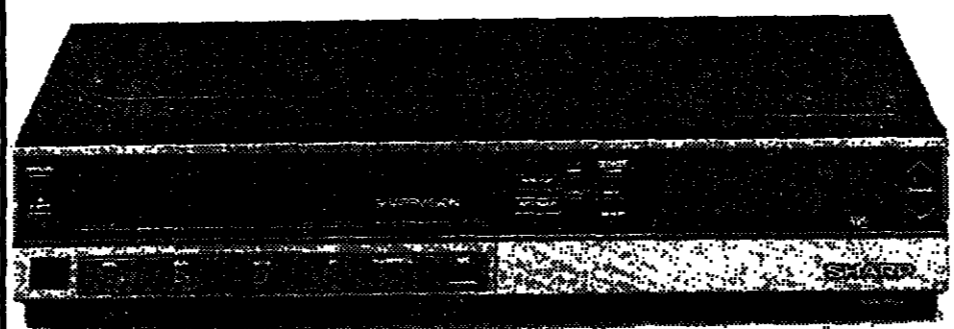
Mr Ecevit has already been jailed twice under the military regime over critical statements to the foreign press.



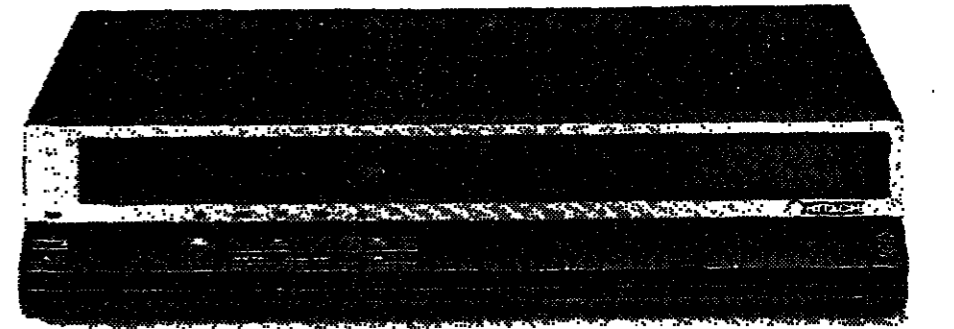
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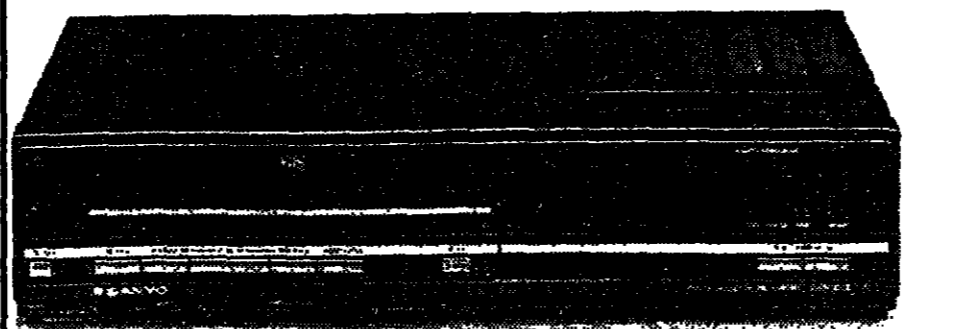
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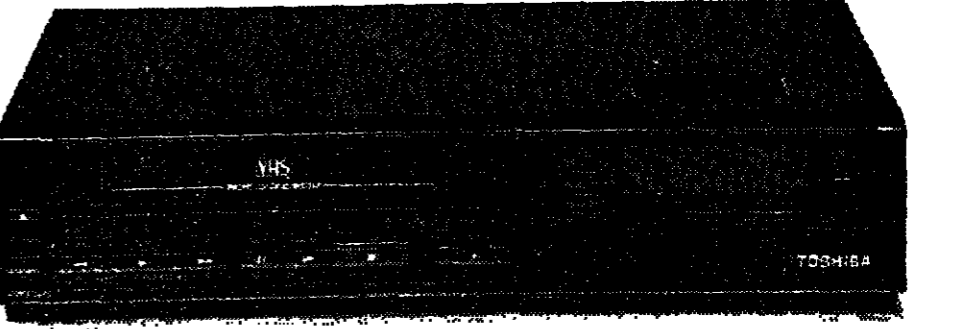
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Civil War anniversary passes without ceremony

Spain draws veil over past

From Richard Wigg Madrid Spain's Socialist Government has opted to hold no public commemoration of the outbreak of the Civil War 30 years ago today, preferring to invite citizens to reflect privately on the anniversary. "This is not forgetting by the Government," Señor Javier Solana, the Minister of Culture, who is also chief government spokesman, emphasized yesterday. "We believe a majority of Spaniards want a reflective commemoration, not an aggressive one, of a fratricidal conflict which caused so much bloodshed and loss of liberty for so long." Typical of his generation, Señor Solana insisted that Spain today is "utterly different" from 30 years ago. "What would the Government be commemorating? The Second Republic was a failure," Professor Santos Juliá, a young historian specializing in the Civil War, commented wryly. "Franco anyway always celebrated July 18."

Spaniards declared war on themselves. In a way, a decision about what to do on this anniversary was taken last November, when King Juan Carlos inaugurated a monument near Madrid's Prado museum, honouring "all those who gave their lives for Spain". The Roman Catholic Church, which had a big role in Franco's Spain, is in step with the Socialists in opting for prudent reconciliation. The bishops' conference refused, however, to respond to the suggestion by Señor Julián Marías, the Catholic intellectual, that the Church had failed in its mission by taking sides in the war.

Ordinary Spaniards show little interest in memories of the Civil War. This is especially true of the generation now in its forties, the age group represented by the González Government. The lack of general public debate has meant that those professionally involved - historians and intellectuals - have taken the floor. Professor Pedro Lain Entralgo, president of the Real Academia, who as a young man was an intellectual on the Nationalist side, set the high moral tone by insisting that establishing the truth is the only way genuinely to overcome Spain's past.

But the most stimulating contribution has come from the younger generation of historians, mostly in their forties. They choose to highlight the blunders and incompetence of the Second Republic, both in peace and war. The Madrid daily El País has been the main public forum for these historians' critical reappraisal. It was the left's indiscriminate persecution of religion which "handed the rebels a justification on a plate", one historian wrote. Another emphasized how fatal the social revolution in Catalonia proved to the war effort. A third asked why no partisans were organized behind Franco's lines. Franco's regime never completed its Civil War memorial in Madrid, but there is a

Victory Arch. Visit it and you find broken bottles and refuse; it is locked up and almost abandoned. Where you can see, unabashed, the spirit of the winning side is at the Army Museum here. There is not a trace of the Republican Army. A vast wall painting depicts officers and other gentlemen taken prisoner by the "red hordes" being shot down at Paracuellos, outside Madrid, in the autumn of 1936.

Historians have to go to Salamanca, where the National Archives on the Civil War are kept. They have a top-sided history, too, for they were originally assembled by Franco's advancing armies, seizing everything from left-wing parties, the trade unions, local authorities and popular tribunals.

After the war, Franco's Civil Guard used these as a mine for its repressive activities. Among the grimmest things are two million personal files on those on the losing side. Señor Antonio González, aged 28, the chief archivist, showed me a veritable chamber of horrors, including an imaginary Masonic lodge assembled by the Civil Guard, replete with human skulls, to satisfy Franco's morbid obsession that Freemasonry had been at the root of all Spain's evils during the Republic.

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Señor Solana: Spain now "utterly different".

Explosive delivery a Swiss slip

From Alan McGregor Geneva

Holiday reliefs here, as elsewhere, can sometimes be too full of dash - with the result that 15 cases containing 882 lb of demolition explosives were delivered to an apartment building in Gossau yesterday and left stacked in the entrance hall.

Intended for a nearby military barracks, they had been sent by rail addressed to the commanding officer, with directions that he be advised of their arrival and arrange collection.

A holiday temporary at the station delivery service - staffed at that moment entirely by young temps - looked in the phone book, found somebody else with the same name and sent the lot to that address.

The replacement driver delivered the cases without finding anyone to sign for them and continued on his round. His mistake was discovered by a homecoming tenant who spotted the cases with children playing nearby, investigated and called the police.

The military have assured all concerned there was no danger, for, in conformity with regulations, detonators are never sent together with explosives.

Pentagon bars defence firm

Washington (Reuter) - The US Defence Department has cracked down for the third time in 12 months on a leading contractor, suspending Litton Industries from any further work for the Pentagon.

Litton, the 19th largest American defence contractor with \$1 billion (£1 billion) in shipbuilding contracts last year, was suspended on Wednesday after a \$6.3 million indictment for fraud involving overcharging on radar and radio equipment for the US Navy.

Litton Systems Inc, the military arm of the company, agreed in Philadelphia on Tuesday to plead guilty to 325 counts of overbilling to the tune of \$6.3 million.

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Two of the 10 nuns meeting friends after their release in the southern Philippines yesterday.

Marcos agrees to return cash to Manila

Zurich (Reuter) - The former Philippines President, Mr Ferdinand Marcos, is willing to return \$213 million (£138 million) held in Swiss bank accounts to the Government of President Aquino, a government lawyer said yesterday.

Mr Moritz Leuenberger said provisional agreement had been reached with Mr Marcos's lawyers on the return of the money, but he emphasized that the sum did not represent a final settlement and said negotiations were continuing.

Philippine rebels free 10 kidnapped nuns

From Keith Dalton, Manila Ten Roman Catholic nuns kidnapped six days ago by Muslim rebels were released unharmed at dawn yesterday in a remote southern Philippines town and praised the kind treatment they received from their captors.

"We were treated very well, very kindly and very respectfully," the Mother Superior, Sister Marie Magdaleine Ledenna, said after their release at 6.30 am in Yanagi, 500 miles south of Manila. After the handover, authorities said they expected the release of an American missionary, Mr Brian Lawrence, kidnapped 24 hours after the abduction of the nuns.

Stalemate in Tokyo on whisky imports

From A Correspondent Tokyo

Britain's top-class whisky distillers and Europe's makers of fine wine can give up their hope of winning any greater share of the lucrative Japanese market in the near future. The latest round of talks on fairer access for European Community liquor exports to Japan ended in stalemate yesterday.

The head of the EEC delegation, Mr Raymond Phan Van Phi, dismissed out of hand Japanese arguments against changing their tax system for imported liquor, which penalizes quality, not quantity. "None of these responses we found convincing. Sentiment in Europe is nearing outrage," Japan says it can do little to change traditional preferences for local drinks, such as sake rice wine. Real Scotch whiskeys, however, are valued, and whisky in general has almost become a national drink.

The Community places high priority on the talks and a third round is scheduled for the autumn. Mr Phan Van Phi said Europe would consider some form of trade retaliation if this also failed.

Under the Japanese tax system imported whisky attracts a minimum duty almost eight times the tax on the local product, forcing such products as malt whiskies into the luxury end of the market. A standard bottle of Glenfiddich 12-year-old malt costs about £50 in Japan, compared with about £12 in Britain.

The EEC is also demanding controls on wine labelling. Mr Phan Van Phi said 66 per cent of Japanese surveyed in a Community poll believed a Japanese-produced spirit labelled Monde Napoleon Brandy was a French import.

Death toll of 600 as 'dirty war' spreads

By Caroline Moorehead

A campaign of torture, political killings and "disappearances" has been spreading and intensifying in Colombia since the beginning of the year, according to Amnesty International.

More than 600 Colombians have been seized and killed by troops, police and guerrilla working for them, but military chiefs, who alone can prosecute army or police staff for human rights violations, are refusing to do so.

Señor Alvaro Duque Alvarez, director-general of the criminal court system, has described what is happening as a "dirty war".

Victims include students, teachers, lawyers who defend political prisoners, trade unionists, supporters of left-wing opposition parties, Indian community leaders and human rights activists.

Alfredo Rafael San Juan Arévalo and his brother Samuel Humberto are two students reported to have been held since March 1982. Their detention has not been acknowledged by the Colombian authorities and their whereabouts still remain unknown.

In the autumn of 1982 the kidnapping and murder of three children, but the accusations have since been withdrawn. It is believed they are being held in secret military or police custody.

Despite the protests of civilian officials who say the "wave of official violence" is creating panic among the public, the

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE Colombia

violence continues to increase. On the night of Sunday June 8, 19 people were seized and shot in the head in the city of Cali, which alone has seen more than 350 killings, and where the Army's Third Brigade has been dropping leaflets from the air, urging citizens to identify the "violent and subversive".

Meanwhile, death squads, some in uniform and some in civilian clothes, travel in army vehicles and unmarked cars without licence plates and have been seen handing over prisoners at military bases and barracks. Army spokesmen claim many of the killings are by civilian death squads and cannot be controlled.

The violence has been gathering momentum after a truce negotiated by President Betancur with most of the country's guerrilla groups started to break down last year. Incidents have continued to rise as his term of office nears its end. President-elect Virgilio Barco is, to take office on August 7.

Amnesty International says it has written to President Betancur, pressing him to set up an independent judicial inquiry to investigate, prosecute and punish police and troops violating human rights.



Alfredo Rafael San Juan Arévalo (left) and his brother, Samuel Humberto, said to have been held since 1982.

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# Why children aren't playing the game

The decline of our three top team sports in schools requires urgent action. John Goodbody looks at causes and effects

The British are strikingly inconsistent at major team games. Individuals like Ian Botham, Bryan Robson and Billy Bevan may have illuminated cricket, football and rugby in recent years but too often there is a lack of supporting ability, so essential for victory.



A great future behind them? Scenes like this become rarer as school sport landscapes change, often for political reasons

But the successors to these stars may be even scarcer. Schools, where so many internationals have had their first inspiration and instruction, are turning away from the traditional games in greater and greater numbers.

There is no disagreement on the need for action. The dispute is over what to do — and it has taken on topicality with a government inquiry, demands for a parliamentary debate and profound, widespread concern that eventually our national teams will suffer because of current policies.

Cutbacks in government spending have led to reduced facilities and instruction in state schools. One report that the government will consider is from Eddie Fisk, a physical education teacher who surveyed facilities at state schools in the Surrey borough of Merton's high and middle schools. His report shows the difficulties caused by the unavailability of transport, excessive demands for grounds at certain times of the week, and a staff-pupil ratio too high to permit adequate tuition.

The Central Council of Physical Recreation is also concerned about plans to sell 460 sports grounds around Britain, many used by schoolchildren, for property development.

The recent teachers' dispute has also had a drastic effect. Many teachers have stopped organizing sports teams outside school hours, partly out of resentment at not having their original demands fully met and partly because they have become used to having more spare time of their own.

Gordon Secker, a PE teacher who works at Cardinal Manning School in Paddington, says: "My family has discovered what it is like to have me at home on Saturdays for the first time. They like it so do I. I would be a fool to go back to running school teams after hours for no money at all."

Yet the issue is far too deep-

rooted to be attributed solely to recent political upheavals. Many pupils prefer to spend Saturdays in spare-time employment, while studying to ensure academic success — and the chance of future employment — has never been more important. In individual sports the loss of a few boys does not directly affect others, but in team games it can mean the failure to field an XI or a XV.

The introduction of comprehensive education over the past quarter of a century has meant that many grammar schools with a tradition of successful teams have been swallowed up. So fewer boys have been playing inter-school matches, particularly since financial stringency meant it was increasingly difficult to spend money on team transport.

Comprehensive education has also stressed a variety of choice, through the encouragement of all pupils to whom team games may have lacked appeal in the past. The Inner London Education Authority is among those local educational bodies which have promoted activities that children may be more inclined to continue with after they leave school. Instead of concentrating diminishing public resources on the elite (and a male elite, at that, in cricket, football and rugby), there is a clear attempt to mix the sexes in physical education and to curtail competition.

Mrs Carole Rowbotham,

the ILEA's senior PE inspector, said recently on ITV's *The London Programme*: "I think balance is the most important word, particularly when we are talking about the daily programme from nine to four in schools. We would be against competition during that time. If competition takes place in inter-school matches, then that is an extra-curricular activity and should be taking place after 4pm or on Saturday mornings."

It is now common for children to play the three traditional team games at leisure and sports centres and to play for club teams rather than for their schools.

The PE authorities stress that it is not their job to produce outstanding teams. Dr John Cane, a former English schools footballer who is chairman of the Physical Education Association, says: "We have been accused of minimizing cricket, rugby and football, but PE was never intended to produce world-class players. PE is and always will be the development of the body."

Changes in sport, he says, are due to shifting social patterns, since many people no longer feel like sacrificing their spare time in competitive games, preferring activities like jogging and aerobics. "If, for instance, squash is increasing as rugby decreases, then so what? The sports available to children have broadened to include everyone, not just the elite who play competitive sports, and PE now gives everyone a real

interest. The result is that more adults are active in sport after they leave school than ever before. People do not want to do the same things that they did 50 years ago.

Peter Lawson, secretary of the CCPR, says there is danger in the neglect of team sports at school. "Games stress co-operation and a sense of belonging to a school in the community", he says. There is a terrible danger if it is left solely to clubs. It is then the parents' responsibility to take children to clubs, and this means that team games will become increasingly middle-class. By restricting these games to clubs, it means that teenagers are less likely to play them because of counter-attractions like discotheques.

"When team games are not part of the curriculum, as is now often the case, then there is a slump of talented children in cricket, rugby and football who will not be spotted."

Additional reporting by Nicholas Beston

## WHAT THE CCPR TOLD WHITEHALL

- Employ more qualified staff and coaches in schools
- Stop selling school playing fields
- Improve government departmental liaison to coordinate a national policy for PE, in and out of school
- Improve links between schools and local clubs

## DECLINE AND FALL ON THE SPORTING FIELDS

<p><b>Cathays High School inner Cardiff.</b></p> <p>1988: A 400-boy grammar school with a good name in Welsh rugby. Rugby compulsory for all boys; six teams.</p> <p>1976: Cathays merges with girls school, becomes comprehensive for inner Cardiff, increases to 800 pupils. Number playing rugby unchanged.</p> <p>1974: Last of grammar school intake leaves, school playing fields sold by council, new ones are two-and-a-half miles away.</p> <p>1975: Parents press for school to diversify sports. Result: only 200 students left playing rugby.</p> <p>1976: HMI inspectors press school to diversify and take emphasis away from competitive team games.</p> <p>1988: Number of rugby players falls to 180 from 200. Teachers strike begins.</p> <p>1986: Only 60 players left.</p> <p>1976: HMI inspectors press school to diversify and take emphasis away from competitive team games. There are still too many competitive team games being played.</p>	<p><b>Cockburn High School Leeds.</b></p> <p>1974: Cockburn, a mixed 650-pupil grammar school with a strong tradition in football, turns comprehensive. All 325 boys play compulsory football.</p> <p>1978-79: The school, now with a student population of 850, only has 100 boys playing cricket. Two local ILEA facilities used by the school are closed down, school begins phasing out cricket; introduces rounders, basketball and badminton.</p> <p>1983: Despite pressure from ILEA to phase out competitive sports, student pressure to keep the game plus voluntary work by teachers results in out-of-school play. But teams only play handful of friendlies; no facilities or kit. Only 60 students left.</p> <p>1985: Teachers dispute affects even voluntary coaching.</p> <p>1988: Cricket stops altogether. School still has indoor nets, now used by teachers and locals, not students.</p>	<p><b>George Green Isle of Dogs, London.</b></p> <p>1974: George Green, a 340-strong mixed grammar school, turns comprehensive. All 170 boys play cricket.</p> <p>1978-79: The school, now with a student population of 850, only has 100 boys playing cricket. Two local ILEA facilities used by the school are closed down, school begins phasing out cricket; introduces rounders, basketball and badminton.</p> <p>1983: Despite pressure from ILEA to phase out competitive sports, student pressure to keep the game plus voluntary work by teachers results in out-of-school play. But teams only play handful of friendlies; no facilities or kit. Only 60 students left.</p> <p>1985: Teachers dispute affects even voluntary coaching.</p> <p>1988: Cricket stops altogether. School still has indoor nets, now used by teachers and locals, not students.</p>
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## RUGBY

Rugby Union will have to follow the example of the Football Association by increasing its efforts to counteract a decline which is masked by a rise in the number of school affiliations. Ron Tennick, secretary of the Rugby Football School Union, says: "A lot of boys learn rugby in the games lessons, and some may have house matches."

Tennick says that the game is too often taught as a variety of physical education rather than a competitive sport. Inter-school fixtures have become rarer.

One result is that England schools teams increasingly come from the independent sector; public schools are recovering the dominance they had at the start of the century. Although club teams have increasingly welcomed young players, it does not mean they

get as much coaching as they would receive at school. Elwyn Price, a teacher at St Brendan's School, Bristol, points out: "I coach Bristol Youth, and we have had at least two boys who have won school caps for England without playing rugby at school. But at school I can teach boys five days a week at the club I only see them two nights a week."

## FOOTBALL

Robert Lynch, secretary of Liverpool Schools Football Association, says of a city whose league teams dominate the English professional game: "I am really very sad about the situation here. Football is declining in schools and good players are attracted to clubs. There is no honour attached to the school game any more."

"The game is thriving for Saturday and Sunday clubs, and the schools cannot compete. Years ago school staff were willing to devote their spare time to the game and children were proud to play for their school, but not any more."

Alan Wright, master in charge of football at Holloway School, London, whose former pupils include Charlie George who went to Arsenal and Trevor Hartley and Mike Houghton of Spurs, circulated 200 other schools in London earlier this year for fixtures; only 25 replied. "I do not want to see football played by only

the elite. The people I care about are those boys who enjoy the game and want to play it."

The Football Association's own investigations concluded that there was a reduction of 71 per cent in the playing of team games among boys from 9 to 16 between 1948 and 1982, but this has been partly counter-balanced by the 30 per cent increase in the number of club teams in the 11-16 age group. In 1948 secondary schoolboys were playing about 50 hours of football a year in school hours. By 1982 it was just over 15 hours.

The FA is launching a massive drive to increase opportunities for extra-curricular instruction. Already three development officers have been appointed, and in the autumn they are planning further nominations using leisure centres as a basis for coaching courses.

## CRICKET

The situation has become particularly acute in cricket, with a series of letters published in *The Times* expressing masters' concern. Important exams distract attention from a sport that is extremely time-consuming — and that is likely to increase. Proposals to bring forward the summer term will reduce still further opportunities for cricket because of the vagaries of the English spring weather.

Cricket is also more expen-

sive to run than rugby or football, and the need to have properly prepared pitches to teach correct technique cuts into the budgets of schools and education authorities.

Yet cricket has fought back with enterprise. Keith Andrew, the former Northants and England player who is now the director of coaching at the National Cricket Association, has told the CCPR there are twice as many boys playing the game now as 30 years ago, although he has no statistics to support the claim.

What is indisputable is that the growth of junior cricket and the appointment of six professional national coaches — there were none in 1956 — and 100 staff coaches ensure that those who want to learn proper technique can often do so in supervised centres. Inter-school and inter-county junior competitions, organized by groups like the Lord Taverners, are flourishing.

The result, as Cyril Cooper, secretary of the English Schools Cricket Association, reports, is that there are more than 750 inter-county matches for boys between the ages of 11 and 19. Although he accepts that many comprehensive schools are not playing matches, it does not seem to have had any effect on representative XIs: in last year's England Schools under-19 team, only five of the 12 were from public schools, and among the under-15s only three came from the private sector. "There has been no change over the last 10 years," Cooper asserts.

## THE LINKS BETWEEN

# APARTHEID AND POVERTY

Christian Aid and Oxfam have worked for many years to relieve poverty, distress and suffering in South Africa, with partners who include church, trade union and community leaders. In our experience apartheid is a major cause of poverty.

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(EPG Report, June 1986)

It is this poverty, institutionalized by South Africa's apartheid system, that underlies a mortality rate five times greater among black children than among white. In a land rich in natural resources, some 10% of children born

in black areas die of malnutrition. Although black people comprise about 85% of the population, they are denied basic rights, and thus have no means for achieving a just share of educational resources or medical services. 3.2 million black people have been forcibly removed since 1960, under the apartheid system, to the barren soil and over-crowded settlements of so-called "home-lands."

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## Shrine's new habitat

THE BOILERHOUSE, Stephen Bayley's design shrine, is taking a brief rest wearing Levi 501 jeans, a pair of eight-eyelet Doc Marten boots and a Fred Perry cotton polo tennis shirt.

The final exhibition at the present site in the bowels of the Victoria and Albert Museum is called 14:24 British Youth Culture. It runs from July 23 until August 31, after which it will reappear, 18 months later, at its new permanent home in Butlers Wharf, near Tower Bridge.

During its five years at the V & A, the Boilerhouse has attracted 1,000 visitors a day to exhibitions on subjects as diverse as Coca-Cola and the Ford Sierra.



Mod's get on their bikes and a tribute to design heads for different premises

the bedroom Dansette to the Sony Walkman, capitalism and subversion suddenly saw eye to eye.

"The power of money", the exhibition catalogue says, "does not distinguish between normality and delinquency, and the media were quick to exploit the possibilities for youthful depravity aroused by the suspicion and unease of an older generation."

For Bayley, it is a logical continuation of the mildly provocative tone of his previous 23 exhibitions. "Nobody sets out with an intention merely to provoke", he says, "but I do think one of the British diseases is complacency on a massive scale, and I did think we should do something to violate that complacency."

Now aged 34, Bayley was previously an academic, teaching art history at the University of Kent. He met

Conran when he was planning a permanent display of design. The 3,500 square feet of the Boilerhouse could, however, never be used for anything more than a series of temporary exhibitions. Butlers Wharf has 42,000 square feet, enough for Bayley to realize his original concept, along with a library and educational facilities.

THERE he will attempt to encompass all that he believes is meant by the word design: "It's a huge field covering a mass of different activities. I think anybody who has visited all 23 of our exhibitions will have got some feel of the scope — but clearly Butlers Wharf will provide something of the same effect in one visit."

It is all, of course, distinctly un-British, this elision of the values of commerce and culture — of trade and the gentry. Bayley defends the stand. saying: "We want to look at the design as artifacts, not as objects on a plinth, beautifully spolia... I think in some respects the British are quite good at it. Industry and manufacturing are not just essential for economic success, they are needed for the success of the culture and the spiritual life."

"We have had to live with the fact that, for most of this century, Britain's ability in these areas — making things — has been on the decline. So part of our function is to educate people in the qualities of the material world and to make them articulate, so that they will say what they want. It is slightly Utopian, you might say."

**Bryan Appleyard**  
14:24 British Youth Culture runs at the Boilerhouse from July 23 to August 31 from 10am to 5.30pm weekdays and Saturdays, and from 2.30pm to 5.30pm Sundays.  
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FRIDAY PAGE

The ritual and the razzmatazz

Next Wednesday's royal wedding symbolizes the triumph of religious ceremony in an ever more secular country. Why have marriages in church retained their allure for so many couples while regular worship has fallen? Lee Rodwell investigates a rite of passage that has implications far beyond the actual vows

In a few days time a certain bachelor and a certain spinster will make their wedding vows in Westminster Abbey. The event may differ in scale and splendour, but in other respects this royal wedding will have much in common with all the other white weddings taking place this year.

Church congregations may have dwindled, divorce figures may have soared, marriage rates may have fallen but of those free to do so more than two-thirds still choose to marry in Church. Last year about 170,000 couples had a religious ceremony yet relatively few were under any pressure to do so for reasons of state or conscience.

The modern white wedding with all the trimmings combines ancient ritual with contemporary celebration and no matter how much society seems to change — indeed, perhaps, because society does change — continues to be both popular and desirable.

According to Penny Mansfield, senior research officer of the Marriage Research Council, who has carried out a study of early marriage, there are good reasons for this. She says: "Getting married is really the major way in our society of showing you have entered adulthood. It is a rite of passage. So you need a ritual which is commensurate with that kind of transition. A register officer is often seen as unable to accord people the necessary status. It offers no recognition of the special nature of the event. On the other hand, the church has the monopoly of that kind of ritual and does it so well."

It is possible to get married cheaply at a register office so the fact that people are prepared to spend thousands on a dress, bridesmaid's outfit, flowers, a wedding car, champagne, a three-tiered cake, the reception and so on, is indicative that even today the rituals continue to be important.

Penny Mansfield says: "If you look at any of the wedding magazines or guides, you get a clear idea of the goals involved — a proper wedding with all the trimmings followed by a honeymoon, then returning to a fully-furnished, newly decorated home of your own."

"For many people all three goals are hard to achieve. Yet brides will still opt for a wedding that costs a small fortune even if they end up back in the bedroom that they had

as a child, but this time with a husband in tow.

"The whole business of giving the bride away is a symbolic expression of the breaking of loyalties that marriage causes. Parts of the ceremony which might seem extraordinary or anachronistic actually help to make it clear that you are breaking off your links with your parents and starting a new family. One woman I interviewed put this into words when she said: 'I walked into the Church as one person and came out another'."

"The honeymoon takes all this a stage further and it is interesting to note that even newlyweds who cannot afford two weeks somewhere exotic may still go away for the night so that they can re-emerge as a new couple."

Sometimes, of course, the prospect of making the break causes last-minute panic. Every bride must have fleeting thoughts of being left at the altar and for some the nightmare comes true. Sometimes a parent who cannot bear the thought of losing a child will bring pressure to bear. Jonathan Gill who produced a television documentary about jilted brides heard from one girl who was traded for a new Jaguar. Her fiancé's mother had promised him a car if he cancelled the wedding.

In most cases, however, everyone involved in a wedding goes to great lengths to make sure nothing spoils the big day, even to the extent in one case of keeping the news from the bride that her mother had collapsed from a heart attack during the reception. Her father decided that she should go on the honeymoon and face up to the news when she got back.

Planning the wedding and reception usually takes at least six months and even then things can — and do — go wrong. Penny Mansfield says: "I think people subconsciously believe that if you have a good wedding it augurs well for a good marriage. So little details, which might seem trivial to outsiders, can become very important. "One girl was very upset when the white Rolls-Royce she had booked failed to turn up and she had to go to the church in her father's Corina. Another girl was horrified when she and the groom cut the wedding cake only to find it was rotten, although she took great delight in taking it back and



'It is important that it is an occasion to look back on'



'You are taking a vow and I want that to mean something'

throwing it at the manageress of the cake shop.

Traditionally the burden for most of the organization falls on the bride's mother and this is a task most seem happy to undertake — although this is also where mother and daughter may disagree over whether or not to invite great aunt Susan, who should be bridesmaids and whether there should be a sit-down reception for 50 or a party for 150. Nor is it unknown for wedding arrangements to trigger off family feuds which can last for generations.

But as Penny Mansfield points out, weddings are not just about Jane and Jim getting married. A wedding is also a day in the life of a family — often the only time when a whole family will come together. We live in a society that appears to say that anything goes, but that

isn't in fact true. We say bonds of affection are more important than structural bonds, but that isn't really true either. A wedding is one opportunity for a family to display what it is made of.

It's the one time when you say who matters and who doesn't to you, so the event can be enormous productive in terms of family dynamics. When you decide who is going to sit where, who will stand next to whom in the wedding photographs and so on you are really making statements about what people mean to you and where you put them in your life.

"It is interesting that if a couple are paying for a wedding themselves they tend to have more say in these matters", says Penny Mansfield. "They also tend to be older, more established. They may even have been living together."

She also finds it interesting that the modern wedding has been able to adapt to accommodate changes within the family and society. "Take bridesmaids for instance. As families have become smaller it's not easy to find suitable bridesmaids within the family. But it is one way of bringing in your friends. The same may go for the best man. These days he is just as likely to be a friend of the groom as his brother.

There is also a trend to have a fairly formal reception for your family, followed by a more informal party for your friends.

"On the other hand, the whole business of reconstituted families has caused a lot of problems and it's one of the reasons why having a top table became such a headache and has gone out of fashion to some extent. "Then there's the question of

who should give the girl away — her father or her stepfather, that kind of thing. The Charles-Diana wedding was the first really public wedding with these problems and it became clear that there was an etiquette to be followed: your biological parents took precedence. That cleared the way for a lot of people."

So is it all worth it in the end? According to Penny Mansfield nearly all the people she interviewed — including the grooms — said they really enjoyed their wedding day. "One girl told me she had always said she would get married in white at such and such parish church before she was 21 — and she had done it. It was as if she felt she had really achieved something and life would now be an easy ride, downhill all the way."

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LONG WAIT

Electrician Michael Corcoran, 24, and Lisa Whitehorn, 22, who live in Crowborough, Sussex, are getting married in church on August 9. They have been engaged for two years, but Lisa doesn't know where they are spending their honeymoon because Michael is planning a surprise.

Lisa, a public relations trainee executive, says: "My sister got married last year and I wanted something totally different. So we are holding the reception at an old vineyard and I'm having a different kind of dress so that no one will think I'm trying to out-do her.

"We're having about 90 people to the reception and about 140 to a party in the evening. We wanted to share such a special day. Daddy did make a joke about why didn't I take the money and run, but I've always wanted a white wedding."

"I don't think there will be another day in my life that I've planned for or waited for so long. It's the official joining of Michael and myself so it is important that it is an occasion to look back on and tell our children about."

PERFECTION

Estate agents Bettina English, 24, and Nicholas Coote, 28, got engaged in March and are having a formal church wedding in September followed by a reception in a marquee in the garden of Bettina's parents' home in Putney Heath, south-west London.

The couple have been courting for four years and will be buying a house in nearby Wandsworth after a honeymoon in St Lucia.

Bettina says: "It's something I've always dreamed of. I haven't had a lot of time so my stepmother has done the basics. We started planning as soon as we got engaged. It takes at least six months. You hear of huge family arguments; we haven't had any."

"I'm not deeply religious but I do believe in God and I always wanted to get married in Church to have that blessing. Of course the glamour is wonderful but you are also taking a vow and I want that to mean something."

"You do worry a bit about the photographer not turning up or your wedding dress getting caught as you go up the aisle. I want everything to go perfectly."

A prize case for caution

FIRST PERSON

Susan Pinkus

The letter assured me that I had definitely won one of the following prizes: four hundred pounds cash, a video recorder, a hand-blender, a carriage clock, or a food processor. The code at the top of my letter held the answer. There was just one proviso: I had to attend one of several presentations given by a time-share holiday company. I decided to go along, not just because of the gift-but because I am attracted by the idea of owning a holiday retreat.

On arrival, I had to complete a registration form asking various personal details. There were at least 12 other couples or singles, and to each was designated an individual representative. Again there was more form-filling, this time on my holiday habits.

The time-share properties, situated on the Algarve, comprised studios and apartments and were on offer for as many weeks annually as you cared to choose for a period of 25 years. At the end of this period, the company would sell the home and each purchaser would receive 75 per cent of the selling price. In theory, we were told, an initial investment of £15,000 could grow tenfold. Purchase of one of these apartment deals would also entitle us to membership of an international organization, fixing up time-share "swaps" all over the world.

The prospect was enticing. But a £15,000 investment is something most of us would want to take legal and financial advice about. I asked for some literature to take away. There was none. No plans of the apartments, no brochures outlining terms and conditions. The excuse they aim to cut overheads. By not printing leaflets, it seems, they are able to offer a special 20 per cent discount if you sign up there and then. But I insisted that I would need to view any property before purchase.

That wouldn't be necessary, I was told. The audio-visual presentation had shown all there was to see.

I was the first to leave but I didn't leave empty-handed. My code entitled me to a carriage clock.

This week's post has brought a similar letter from another time-share company, this time advising me that I have definitely won either £400 cash, a video recorder, or a free week's holiday accommodation for two if you receive a similar letter, why not go along and claim your prize? Happy holidays! Caveat emptor!

Grim lesson delivered by a gnome

A woman died from tetanus last week after impaling herself on a fishing rod held by a garden gnome. This tragedy should not obscure two important medical facts everybody should be immunized regularly against the disease (with boosters being given at least every five years) and any penetrating wound, particularly if suffered in the garden or in traffic accidents, should be treated immediately. It is better to have to wait around a casualty department for a while than to be in intensive care a week later. Tetanus, fortunately, is an uncommon disease but it kills a handful of people every year.

It is insidious and is caused by the bacterium Clostridium tetani which lurks in the corners of the wound. The bacteria produce a toxic substance which has an effect similar to that of strychnine, seeping into the nervous system and moving around the body, causing havoc. There are no obvious signs — like soreness or high temperature — in anyone harbouring the bacteria. The first indication of illness is that the jaw muscles go into spasm between four and 25 days after infection, giving the disease its colloquial name of lockjaw. Other muscle groups follow suit and the patient needs immediate, intensive care to survive. Middle-aged women can be particularly vulnerable if they

MEDICAL BRIEFING

are keen gardeners and it is possible they believe that because they were not immunized in childhood they are ineligible as adults. This is not so, although it is preferable for immunization to be started in childhood.

Patchy warning

Apart from the long-term dangers of skin cancer through too much sun, excessive exposure to sunlight in hot climates can lead also to the development of patches of rough, warty skin which are red or skin-colored and known as keratosis.

Healing dots

Some people who spend hours every day staring at a VDU screen complain of eye strain and headaches. A British company, Scientifica-Cook, of west London, has developed equipment which teaches users to relax certain eye muscles and overcome the headaches by taking the eyes off for a "jog".

AID ethics

An interesting approach to medical ethics within the framework of Halachah (Jewish law) appears in the Bulletin of the Institute of Medical Ethics which reports an explanation about artificial insemination by donor (AID) advanced by Rabbi David Bleich, professor of Jewish law and ethics at the Yeshiva University, New York.

He told a gathering in Switzerland recently that under Jewish law no distinction is made between artificial and natural insemination. However, masturbation is forbidden, making AID prohibited if it entails a Jewish donor. Part of the reason for that prohibition is that since semen is donated to a number of women for AID there is always the risk that the children could commit unintentional incest later in life. There is a way around the problem. A child's Jewishness is not determined by its genetic origin but by who bears the child. Under Jewish law if the pregnant woman is Jewish her baby will be Jewish even if the embryo was donated by a non-Jewish couple. This interpretation was used to explain why Jewish couples may use AID, as long as the donor is non-Jewish.

Tearful chemistry

There may appear to be little difference between tears caused by unhappiness or onions — but there is a marked chemical difference. Scientists reporting at the First World Congress on Tears (held, believe it or not, in Dallas, Texas) have discovered that tears shed through emotion contain not only water and fatty substances but an enkephalin, a naturally occurring, morphine-like substance which is known to play an important part in controlling emotions and pain.

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TESTING TALKS

The confusion that has greeted this week's spate of announcements about new US-Soviet talks shows how unaccustomed the West has become to good news about superpower relations. Time was when neither the United States nor the Soviet Union would have considered it advantageous to admit to direct contact with the other. But talking is now back in vogue.

the fact that one set of talks is apparently expected to encompass two topics - a ban on nuclear tests and verification - in which each side has invested considerable political capital. Agreement to couple the two topics is a classic case of a hard bargain successfully struck: agreement at the talks themselves will be a very different proposition.

Washington, for its part, has agreed to talk about the possibility of banning all nuclear tests, or rather to talk about prospects for reviving the talks on a comprehensive test ban treaty that were abandoned six years ago. The US attitude so far has been that so long as nuclear weapons are required, they must be tested. Moreover, President Reagan has consistently refused to match Moscow's unilateral moratorium on testing which is due to expire (after several renewals) on August 6.

REMEMBERING PAST OFFENCES

In 1984 Colin James Evans was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of a girl he had abducted. In and out of prison, the pattern of his sexual greed was unchanging. His victims, all little children, littered the years since the man's twenties. At his final trial there was no evidence of rehabilitation: no evidence that prison would change him; no certainty that in his dotage the sources of his cruelty would dry.

occur despite the changes in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act announced yesterday by the Home Office. But those changes are nonetheless welcome precautions.

which is in the general interest. The Home Office has now made such dealings official, with the safeguard that inquiries about employees are to be carried out only by a senior official.

SPOILSPORTS

If Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Britain's schools, then the French should demand a return match. Next time they might very well thrash us.

without it. The reluctance of certain spoilsports to recognize this recently plumed new depths of dotiness with the banning of an egg and spoon race. To see this sporting life in the lower-fourth as the unacceptable face of a capitalist, free market economy does at least lead to self-inflicted absurdity.

spends his leisure time playing cricket for a local colts XI, instead of using up his school hours doing so for his house, could it perhaps be better for him and for cricket? The Central Council for Physical Recreation points out, however, that this demands a certain initiative, and perhaps talent, in the boy concerned. Is it not their local schools who have the best chance of uncovering their ability?

But one should be no less dismissive of those who complain that competition is bad for you. Children will compete with each other, whether certain adults like it or not, and it would seem to be more sensible for them to do so on the playing field under supervision than in the playground

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Passing the buck on Birkbeck?

From the Chairman of the Governors of Birkbeck College. Sir, The Chairman of the University Grants Committee claims (July 16) that the friends of Birkbeck believe that "part-time students in London should be much better resourced than part-time students in the rest of Britain".

Private tenders for public waste

From Mr John R. Holmes. Sir, The buoyant article by your Environment Correspondent (July 4) tends to mask the reality that in the refuse collection and street sweeping the growth in privatisation has virtually ceased.

Combating drugs

From Mr Tim Rathbone, MP for Lewes (Conservative). Sir, There certainly is no simple answer to the drugs problem, as Professor Edwards points out (feature, July 15). But for every young person there is a real alternative to the adolescent social "advantages" which the professor points up - that is, the attractions which can be created in just saying no.

Monumental choice

From Mr J. S. Austen. Sir, The spraying around churchyard memorials does not only damage the fabric of those monuments in Sir George White's Gloucester churchyard (July 12). Here in Norfolk it has become very fashionable not only to spray around monuments, but also to spray around the churchyard wall and the whole church itself.

Fighting spirit

From Mr Demetri Argyropulo. Sir, You report (July 5) the Inner London Education Authority's physical education inspector, Carol Rowbotham, as saying that curriculum time should not be spent with the best seven, 11, or 15 players that would make up a school team.

Namesmanship

From Major-General A. J. Trythall. Sir, Henry Stanhope's article today (July 11) on namesmanship for beginners was most enjoyable. The subaltern would indeed have felt it correct to be addressed as "Simon" but it must be added, however, as Henry (or Stanhope) knows, that the sergeant standing behind him, significantly lower in the order, would have been very surprised to be called "Harry" whereas the warrant officer looking on would have been outraged to be called anything else than Mr Smith.

Academic salaries

From Dr N. Mcl. Johnson. Sir, Whilst your correspondents (July 9, 11) enter into an argument over whether or not the pay rise for clinical academic staff is funded, two facts remain.

Practical effects

From Mr P. H. Wolton. Sir, In recent weeks a number of letters have been published on this page voicing concern about development proposals affecting historic towns. All these schemes are to be financed by the private sector and will create many jobs, not just in the construction industry, but also in the hypermarkets, hotels and cinemas they will provide.

Operation clean-up

From Mr George Rowe. Sir, Seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds to smarten Britain says The Times or Mr William Waldegrave (report, July 15). How ridiculous can a minister or government get? If this amount of money were spent in, say, two London boroughs it might mean something. What about the other three? What about the other large cities in the UK?

Penal shortcomings

From Mr Jack Lynn. Sir, Lord Hunt's letter (July 4) drew attention to "a most urgent need to encourage magistrates to make greater use of a range of non-custodial sentences". At the same time the 320 voluntary after-care accommodation schemes which provide about 4,500 places throughout the country are being charged with inefficiency by the Home Office because a recent "snapshot" survey of occupancy showed less than 75 per cent of beds were in use!

ON THIS DAY

JULY 18 1906

Alfred Dreyfus (1859-1935), found guilty on a trumped-up charge of espionage in 1894, was imprisoned on Devil's Island, Guiana, for five years. In July 1906 the verdict was annulled, he was reinstated and decorated with the Legion of Honour, finally serving as a colonel in the Great War.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

MAJOR DREYFUS.

The decision to appoint Major Alfred Dreyfus to the 12th Artillery Regiment at Vincennes is likely to cause no difficulties, if we may believe the representative of French telegraphic agency who has seen Lieutenant-Colonel Bouisson, under whose orders Major Dreyfus will be. An assistant sub-director is needed there. Major Dreyfus, the colonel said, would be received as an excellent comrade. The trials he has undergone, his rehabilitation by the Court of Cassation, and his new distinctions merely attracted to him a little more attention - that was all. He had known Dreyfus at the Ecole d'Application and thought him a brilliant officer. The past, for which he had been reproached, no longer existed. After the verdicts of the military tribunals that condemned him, they had bowed before the *chose jugée*. After the verdict of the Court of Cassation rehabilitating him they also bowed before the *chose jugée*. When he came they would shake hands, he would take his place in their midst, and they would all set to work.

THE NATAL RISING.

THE ALLEGATIONS OF INHUMANITY.

Pietermaritzburg, July 17. Regarding the charges of inhumanity which have been made as to the manner in which the native operations have been carried out: the Natal Government admits that Bambatha was decapitated and states that it was in the following circumstances: When the body was found, in an advanced state of decomposition, a doctor cut off the head, and carried it to the camp for a regent for histology which freshadows the use of antisera in precipitin tests. In "The Reigate Squires" are set out many of the criteria which are the scientific basis for handwriting comparison. Since much valuable work was done on typewriting comparison whilst Dr Walls was director of this laboratory I can only assume that matching of typewriting had never happened before (i.e., pre-Conan Doyle) in real life.

TURKEY AND THE ARAB REVOLT.

Berlin, July 17. The Frankfurter Zeitung learns from Constantinople that two transport steamers which were recently bought in England for the Turkish Government have received orders to proceed to Beirut, where they will take on board eight battalions of troops for transport to Yemen as reinforcements for the garrison at Sana. The same journal also learns that considerable anxiety prevails at the Porte in consequence of the resumption of hostilities by the Arabs in Mesopotamia. The Turkish authorities in that region had apparently asked for ten days' truce in order to investigate the various circumstances which were submitted to them by the rebellious tribes. As no reply or other satisfaction had been vouchsafed by the authorities at the end of that period, the Arabs resumed operations and are now preventing all navigation on the Tigris.

Invalid permits

From Mr Stirling Moss. Sir, Surely it is time the authorities tightened up on the issuing of disabled driver parking permits. I know of someone who looked after a disabled person for the latter part of his life and, therefore, qualified for a permit. The disabled person died three years ago and yet the same permit is still in use. Would it not be a good idea if the permits had to carry the name of the disabled person when it was issued, the name of the doctor who authorised its need and a date until which the permit is valid? Yours faithfully, STIRLING MOSS, 40 Shepherd Street, W1, July 11.

Coining a cliché

From Mr Iain C. Baillie. Sir, As a practitioner in innovation law my clients' (particularly from the USA) favourite cliché to express the merit of their idea is "the greatest thing since sliced bread". With your report of July 5 on the demise of that product, what do we say now? Yours faithfully, IAIN C. BAILLIE, 20 Chester Street, SW1, July 14.



COURT AND SOCIAL

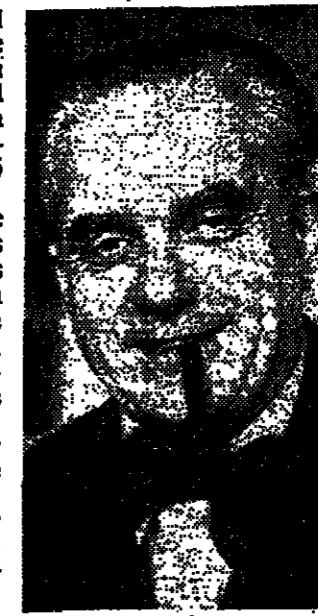
COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 17: His Excellency Lieutenant-General Peter D. Zuze and Mrs Zuze were received in a private audience by The Queen and took leave with Her Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the Republic of Zambia in London.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.H. Allhusen and Miss P.A. Rae The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R.C. Allhusen, of Bradenham Hall, Norfolk, and Penelope, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.G.C. Rae, of Chorlton Old Hall, Malpas, Cheshire.

OBITUARY LORD BOOTHBY Political maverick of unfulfilled promise



Lord Boothby, the colourful Conservative politician whose career was a failure only in relation to its potential, and who was better known than many more successful contemporaries, died on July 16 at the age of 86.

He made the best of his time in the RAF, and was promoted adjutant to a bomber squadron. But when he returned to parliamentary life in 1942 his position had undergone a change.

Latest wills

Sir Henry Albert Skinner, of Leicester, a judge of the Queen's Bench Division, and Senior Presiding Judge on the Midland and Oxford Circuit, left estate valued at £210,704 net.

Memorial services

Lady Diana Cooper The Queen Mother, represented by the Hon Angus Ogilvy at a memorial service for Lady Diana Cooper at St Mary's on Paddington Green yesterday.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Captain G. F. Llardet, RN, to be promoted Rear Admiral and to be Flag Officer Second Flotilla, in succession to Rear Admiral W. R. S. Thomas on December 30.

University news

HM Government Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State, Privy Council Office, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of the Chinese Ambassador and Mme Xia Heng.

CLAIRE WATSON

Claire Watson, one of the leading lyric sopranos of the 1960s and early 1970s, noted particularly for her singing as the heroine in Richard Strauss's operas, died on July 16 at the age of 59.

CLAIRE MOTTE

Claire Motte, the French ballerina whose commanding personality inspired the creation of many new roles, died in Paris on July 15. She was 48.

Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES PRIFOLD Edward John to Charlotte Elizabeth nee Curtis, 18th July 1926, at St Michael's Parish Church, Southwark, London. Love from the family.

Deaths

ANDERSON - On 15th July, after a short illness, Mary Reid, elder daughter of the late James Anderson of Fosseway Farm, Old Harlow, Essex. Burial at St Nicholas Church, Chesham, Bucks, on Tuesday, July 22, at 2.15 pm.

Luncheon Reception

The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies Major-General Viscount Balfour of Burghley, President of the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, presided at the convocation luncheon of the institute held at the Charing Cross Hotel yesterday.

Reception

University Women's Club The centenary year of the University Women's Club was celebrated with a reception held at 2, Audley Square, Mayfair, yesterday.

Dinner

Carman's Company Princess Anne, Senior Warden of the Carman's Company, was among the speakers at a dinner held last night at Stationers' Hall.

Birthdays today

Mr Richard Branson, 36; Sir Anthony Fox, 71; Mr G. H. C. Douglas, 61; Sir Geoffrey Eley, 62; Viscount Esher, 73; Sir Ivor Ewart, 67; Mr Nick Faldo, 29; Sir Geoffrey Harrison, 78; Professor H. L. A. Hart, 79; Mr David Hemeny, 42; Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly, 71; Mr Denis Lilee, 37; Mr Anthony Miles, 68; Mr Gordon Palmer, 68; Mr Richard Pann, 60; Sir Robert Speed, 60; Mr Hugh Stephenson, 48; Sir James Stormont Darling, 68; Mr P. Ensor Walters, 74; Dr B. C. L. Weedon, 63.

Birthdays today

Sir John (Serocold Page) Mellor, Bt, Conservative MP for the Tamworth Division of Warwickshire from 1935 to 1945 and the Sutton Coldfield Division from 1945 to 1955, died on July 15. He was 93.

Golden Anniversaries

OLLARD; HARRISLEY - On 18th July, 1936 at St. George's Church, Canterbury, Surrey, Peter Leopold, Lieut. Commander Royal Navy, to Marguerite Patricia. Now at Seabear, Argyll.

Television Now to live... Shakespear... Dance... Odeon Coliseum... RSC AN... Various small advertisements and notices.











FRIDAY JULY 18 1986

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1316.8 (+10.5) FT-SE 100 1609.3 (+12.0) Bargains 18575 USM (Datastream) 125.14 (+0.14) THE POUND US Dollar 1.5135 (+0.006) W German mark 3.2487 (-0.004) Trade-weighted 74.1 (+0.2)

Dollar fall continues

The dollar continued weak yesterday, after dropping to an overnight low of 156.30 against the yen in the Far East. In London it closed at 157.15, down on the previous close of 158.35. The dollar was hit by the announcement of a 0.8 per cent drop in US housing starts last month. It fell by nearly a penny to DM2.1455 against the mark. The pound gained 60 points to \$1.5135, and the sterling index 0.2 to 74.1. Final money supply figures from the Bank of England showed a 1.3 per cent rise in sterling M3 in banking June, and a £2.15 billion increase in bank lending. Narrow money, M0, rose 0.5 per cent. Over the 12 months to June, sterling M3 was up by 18.3 per cent, M0 by 3.1 per cent, M1 by 18.6 per cent, M2 by 11.5 per cent and PSL2 by 14.1 per cent.

Bunzl takeover

Bunzl, the acquisitive paper and plastic group, has launched an agreed £14.8 million bid for J.R. Crampston, the privately owned specialist paper manufacturer which is the world's second largest supplier of tea bag tissue.

Ferries chief

Mr Geoffrey Parker, chairman of the harbour division of European Ferries, has been appointed group chairman. Mr Ken Siddle wanted to relinquish the chairmanship, but he remains as managing director.

Gestetner dips

Profits at Gestetner Holdings slipped from £6.23 million to £5.12 million before tax in the six months to May 31. Turnover was down from £208 million to £192 million and the interim dividend is unchanged at 0.3p.

Rank up

Rank Organisation increased profits from £62.8 million to £70.2 million before tax in the six months to May 17. Turnover was up from £212 million to £225 million and the interim dividend raised from 5.5p to 6.25p.

BET jumps

BET, the international services conglomerate, made taxable profits in the year to March 31 of £124.6 million against £92.8 million for the comparable 12 months. The total dividend was raised to 16p, an increase of 14.3 per cent.

Country store

The John Lewis Partnership is to build its first out-of-town department store on a greenfield site close to the M40 at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Table with 2 columns: Market Index, Value, Change. Includes Wall Street, Money Mirks, Compay News, USM Prices, Foreign Exch, Traded Opt, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with 2 columns: Market Index, Value, Change. Includes STOCK MARKETS (New York, Tokyo, etc.), MAIN PRICE CHANGES (RISERS, FALLS), INTEREST RATES, CURRENCIES, NORTH SEA OIL.

Jobless trend remains on upward course

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The underlying trend in unemployment remained firmly upwards last month. Adult unemployment rose by 15,000 to a new high of 3,220,400. Wages are rising by nearly five percentage points faster than prices, and productivity growth has come to a halt in manufacturing industry. The official labour market statistics, issued yesterday by the Department of Employment, contain few encouraging signs. The unadjusted jobless total, including claimant school leavers, fell by 41,520 to 3,229,372. A fall of more than 50,000 is normally expected in June, as the number of outdoor and summer jobs increase. And the June figures do not include 100,802 school leavers who will not be entitled to claim benefit until September. Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Employment, chose to give emphasis to new figures for employment. "The number of people at work in the labour force as a whole rose by 25,000 in the first three months of 1986," he said. "This takes the number of new jobs created over the last 12 months to 238,000 and...over the last three years beyond the million mark to 1,017,000." The latest employment figures, on closer analysis, are not very encouraging. The number of people in employment actually fell by 5,000 in the first quarter, the first fall for three years, and the net rise of 25,000 in total numbers in work only came about because of an assumed 30,000 increase in the number of self-employed people. Employment in manufacturing fell by 7,000 in April and 21,000 in May. The 1 million rise in jobs over the past three years is entirely accounted for by increases in female part-time employment, up 589,000, and self-employment, up 488,000. Other job categories have fallen. Mr Jon Shields, director of the all-party Charter for Jobs, said that there are 1 million fewer people in work now than in 1979, and that more than one in five of the male population is unemployed in Wales, Northern Ireland and the North of England. The Department of Employment has changed the basis for calculating the unemployment rate. It is now calculated as a percentage of the working population, including the self-employed. The rate, on the new basis, for June was 11.7 per cent for both the adult seasonally adjusted, and the unadjusted jobless totals. On the old basis, excluding the self-employed, the rate would have been 13.1 per cent. Mr John Prescott, Labour's employment spokesman, criticised the change. "The Government's fiddles are exposed by today's figures," he said. "We now have record unemployment but the percentage rate has fallen. The official figures are little better than fraudulent propaganda." Average earnings rose by 7.5 per cent in the 12 months to May, exactly in line with the underlying increase. In manufacturing, earnings also rose by 7.5 per cent. The rate of inflation in May was 2.8 per cent. This, in combination with sluggish output and productivity growth, produced poor figures for unit labour costs. In May, unit wages and salaries in manufacturing were 7.3 per cent up on a year earlier. In the three months ending in May, unit wages and salaries were 7.7 per cent up on the corresponding period of last year, the same increases as in March and April. Unit wage and salary costs for the whole economy were up by 6.8 per cent on a year earlier in the first quarter. Last year they rose by 5.6 per cent in March, and by 0.2 per cent in April before edging up by 0.3 per cent in May.

Shell and Esso in gas deal

By Edward Townsend Industrial Correspondent

Shell and Esso have reached an agreement to sell gas from the Fulmar oil field in the central North Sea to the British Gas Corporation. Deliveries will total about 50 million cubic feet a day, about 1 per cent of Britain's needs. Delivery of gas through Fulmar's £357 million gas production system will begin soon, Shell said. The gas project has brought the total cost of exploiting the Fulmar field, 170 miles east of Dundee, to £970 million. The field is operated by Shell UK Exploration and Production in a joint venture with Esso Exploration and Production UK. About 94 per cent of the field's recoverable oil and gas reserves lie in the Shell/Esso block. The rest is in a block licensed to Amoco Enterprise, Amerada Hess, Texas Eastern and Mobil. Under the terms of the new deal, they will sell their share of the gas to Shell and Esso, which already provide about one third of Britain's oil and gas production. Gas from Fulmar's estimated 150 billion cubic feet of reserves will pass through a 20 inch pipeline to the Shell and Esso processing plant at St Fergus in Aberdeenshire. Liquids separated from the gas will be sent by pipeline to the companies' plant at Mossmoran in Fife. Fulmar was discovered by Shell and Esso in 1975 in an area where exploration had been unsuccessful. Oil production began in 1982 and peak output has reached 160,000 barrels a day. Estimated ultimate recovery of the field is 427 million barrels of oil and 43 million barrels of natural gas liquids.

EEC shipyard aid should benefit UK

From Jonathan Braude, Brussels

Subsidies will form the main plank of a new European Community shipyard policy next year, aimed at fighting off competition from Japan and South Korea. A policy document, now at the final drafting stage in the European Commission, calls for government subsidies to the most efficient shipbuilders in Europe. Unless significant changes are made during intergovernmental talks at the end of the year, Britain believes it will benefit from the new approach. But some Continental yards may suffer. Brussels yards direct state aid to bridge the gap between construction costs in the Far East and in the top European yards. But help will be limited to cover the costs of the least, most efficient European yards. The high-cost shipbuilders in countries which have not restructured their industry since the present crisis began will be faced with the stark choice they have avoided so far: rationalize or go to the wall. There will be a ceiling, not only on direct aid as in the past, but also on indirect subsidies and fiscal measures, such as shipbuilders' tax relief. Within the limits, the Commission will no longer demand the rationalization and restructuring programmes which have been a condition for allowing governments to subsidize their industries since the introduction of the current EEC Shipping Directive in 1981. The Commission's ideas mark a significant shift from the market forces rhetoric of the early 1980s. Brussels now recognizes that Western Europe's shipyards cannot survive without state aid. In the last 10 years, European shipyard production has fallen by 3.1 million tonnes - a decline of 62 per cent since 1976. The fresh attitude offers a glimmer of hope to countries such as Britain, Holland and Denmark which have used subsidies sparingly over the past few years and rationalized their shipbuilding sectors. British Shipbuilders said last night that the possibility of Britain benefiting from an increased shipyard subsidy would not cause a change of heart over the recently announced closures and 3,500 job losses. (Our Industrial Correspondent writes).

Shop sales buoyant

By Our Industrial Correspondent

The high street sales boom looks like continuing throughout this month - thanks to the summer weather, the Budget tax cuts and the reduction in mortgage rates. Results of a distributive trades survey by the Confederation of British Industry show that most retailers expect to do better business this month. Mr John Caff, the CBI director of economic affairs, said: "Sales are continuing to improve after a disappointing spring when trade was hit by the poor weather. Retail sales volumes picked up in May and June, and retailers expect even faster growth above last year's levels in July." The survey shows that footwear and leather goods shop reported the best sales increase and were the most optimistic about July. Sales of summer shoes and sandals were hit by the bad weather, but were improving. Clothing shops also expect to do better this month; 80 per cent said it should be better than a year ago.

BT chief confident of rise in demand and group profits

By Alison Eadie

Sir George Jefferson, chairman of British Telecom, struck a confident note in BT's report and accounts published yesterday, when he pointed out the continuing improvement in the group's quality of service to its customers, growing demand for services and progress in profitability. He said that current year had started with good volume growth. Competition would lead to an inevitable loss of market share, but BT would respond "in a variety of ways, wherever appropriate and necessary, acting in the belief that it is important for us to retain a substantial share of the profitable business market." Sir George's salary continued to reflect BT's move to the private sector. Last year he was paid £172,206, a rise of 55 per cent, which followed a rise the previous year of 32 per cent from the 1984 salary of £84,198. A spokesman for BT said that the board's salaries were fixed by the Government prior to 1984, but since privatization the company had moved to bring salaries more into line with similar-sized private sector companies. BT also gave a breakdown of its shareholding structure, which showed that individual shareholders at the end of May numbered 1.57 million, a decline of 5.7 per cent from the previous year's 1.66 million individuals. They now accounted for 12.6 per cent of total shareholders as against 13.7 per cent previously. Insurance companies, pension funds and other corporate bodies increased their holdings to 36.6 per cent from 35.1 per cent. The report stated that BT spent about £190 million on its trunk network and switching centres in the conversion programme to digital working and to allow for growth. Of the £161 million spent on research and development, about 60 per cent related directly to improving network performance and developing new terminals and customer services. The remaining 40 per cent went on longer-term work.



Sir Norman Payne: doubts about rate of traffic growth

BAA profits jump 20% before selloff

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The British Airports Authority yesterday reported trading profits up by 20 per cent to £86.8 million despite slower in traffic growth. The accounts were the last annual figures before privatization in the first half of next year. With the return on average net assets at 7.5 per cent - exceeding targets agreed with the Government - analysts were marking up the amount the sale is likely to raise to £550 million or more. Earlier estimates were around £500 million. BAA owns seven airports, including Heathrow and Gatwick. After a meeting with Sir Norman Payne, BAA chairman, analysts were largely sanguine about BAA as a long-term stock, drawing comparisons with AB Ports, floated in 1983, whose share price has risen substantially. But they gave warning that profits could drop considerably in a given year before pulling back again. BAA increased revenue in the year by 9.4 per cent to £395.6 million. It achieved a 14.8 per cent reduction in costs per passenger in real terms and there were productivity improvements. It has reduced its borrowings by £21 million and write-offs promised this week by the Government mean BAA will be relatively debt free on privatization. But question marks hang over the group's shorter-term profits performance. The Government has imposed a tight ring of regulations to avoid any problems arising from an airports monopoly and Sir Norman admits there could be questions for a couple of years over a return to greater traffic growth because of the fall in North American visitors. The financial results for the year were satisfactory since the growth in traffic was at a slower rate of 4.8 per cent. Sir Norman said, Air movements increased by 2.7 per cent overall and 5.4 per cent in the South East. Passenger growth was up about the same amount in the South East. "BAA saw cargo throughput down 1.3 per cent during the year. Since April this year the worst affected market has been the north Atlantic, said Sir Norman. Carrying have been down as much as a quarter over the previous year. But this had been "considerably" offset by a significant upturn in Britons going out on package tours. In the last half of June Heathrow and Gatwick had seen a small upturn in growth.

Brewer's court plea fails

Matthew Brown, the Lancashire brewer, yesterday failed in his High Court attempt to block any renewed takeover bid by Scottish & Newcastle Breweries.

The company asked Mr Justice Macpherson to quash last November's report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which decided S&N's £100 million bid would not harm the public interest. Brown, which is based in Blackburn, Lancashire, complained that it was deprived of a fair opportunity to convince the commission that a takeover would be harmful. The judge ruled that his case was not "soundly based" and should be dismissed. He ordered Brown, whose brews include Theakston's Old Peculier, to pay the legal costs to the commission and S&N. Its bid was made on April 3 last year, but frozen three weeks later when it was referred to the commission on the grounds that it involved a company with assets of more than £30 million. The Edinburgh-based company has indicated that it will consider renewing its takeover campaign when the one-year "cooling off period" imposed by the referral has expired. Mr Justice Macpherson said Brown wanted to see the commission report impugned in case it gave the green light to any fresh bid. The judge said the earlier bid was dead and any new takeover attempt was likely to involve an inquiry with new facts before it. For that reason even if Brown's arguments had appealed to him, he would not have exercised his discretion to quash the commission report. The judge added: "For the present, I think it is not soundly based and should be dismissed."

PEP 'does not go far enough'

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange, said yesterday that the Personal Equity Plan (PEP) does not go far enough in reducing the tax barriers to investing directly in shares. PEPs were unlikely to be as successful in promoting wider share ownership as more ambitious schemes abroad such as the French Loi Monory or equivalents in Belgium, Sweden and Norway. The criticism comes just a week before the Government opens its publicity campaign to promote PEP. Giving the Centre for Policy Studies Templeton lecture in the City, Sir Nicholas said: "We have a very, very long way to go before we can say that shareholding has become a habit. "Does the PEP plan go far enough? I suspect not." To turn share ownership into a habit, he said, "we need bold and decisive fiscal reforms aimed at making share ownership desirable, something each saving citizen feels he cannot do without. The PEP scheme is a first tentative step, but it will not achieve this aim." The Government should simplify PEPs "or they will not get promoted", Sir Nicholas added. Calling for more dramatic initiatives, Sir Nicholas said he was personally sympathetic to the idea of handing over shares in nationalized industries to all adult citizens free of charge, as espoused by the Social Democratic Party.

Trusts mixed over proposals

Proposals to limit the amounts that can be invested in unit and investment trusts via Personal Equity Plans drew a mixed response from the industries yesterday. The limits, announced yesterday by Mr Norman Lamont, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, will allow up to £420 a year or 25 per cent of an investor's annual subscription (whichever is the higher) to be invested in unit and investment trusts. Mr Clive Fenn Smith, the chairman of the Unit Trust Association, welcomed the limits. "Obviously I wish it were more, but we are extremely pleased to be included in the scheme." But Mr Tim Abell, chairman of the Association of Investment Trust Companies, said he was disappointed. "It seems to me to be extremely perverse that the Government should discriminate against that part of the market that is most suitable for the first-time investor." Mr Lamont also opened the door yesterday to pooled PEP plans, which would operate on similar lines to existing trusts. Further details as to how the PEP is to operate are to be unveiled next Thursday by the Government in two documents. One will be a Treasury guide to plan managers and the other a technical document on taxation and other aspects of the PEP from the Inland Revenue. Surrey Building Society is offering mortgages on the basis of 3.25 times gross single income and three times joint gross income for the first time.

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WALL STREET

Shares rally in early trade

Table with columns for stock symbols and prices, including AMR, ASA, Allied Signal, etc.

New York(Reuters) - The stock market continued its rally into the second day in early trading yesterday, attempting to recover further from the 140-point decline of early July.

The Dow Jones industrial average advanced seven points to 1,782 in opening deals, adding to Wednesday's gain of five points.

Advancing shares led declining issues by a three-to-two ratio on turnover of about 15 million shares.

Arka led the actives, down 1/8 to 18 in early deals. IBM tried to stabilize after falling sharply on Monday's report of lower earnings. IBM shares were up 1/4 to 133 1/2.

The Dow Jones industrial average advanced further to 1,786.56, up 12.38, by mid-morning when the transport average was up a full two points to 77.63.

The utilities average edged up 0.06 to 200.92, with the 65 stocks average rising 3.24 to 689.74.

The broader New York Stock Exchange composite index was up 0.77 to 136.39 with the NYSE industrial index at 155.39, a rise of 1.09.

Standard & Poor's 100-share index rose 1.40 to 224.04 while its 500 composite index was up 1.50 to 236.51.

The US Commerce Department said yesterday that housing starts had fallen 0.8 per cent in June to 1,845,000 on an annually adjusted rate.

But Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the Commerce Secretary, predicted continued strength in home building, particularly single-unit dwellings, because of growing consumer incomes and favourable credit conditions.

Housing starts averaged 1.9 million in the second quarter, down from two million in the first-quarter but above recent yearly performances, he said.

Richard Lander learns of some bizarre items included on the list of claims

Capitalist connection that lies behind the Lenin legacy

This week's agreement between Britain and the Soviet Union on compensation for assets seized during the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917 may produce a welcome financial surprise for a number of British companies.

Many will be hauling down long-forgotten records from archive shelves to discover just what investments they held in Imperial Russia and whether these claims were registered with the government before 1951. Most holdings will have been written down in corporate accounts in the years after the reign of power passed from Tsar Nicholas to V.I. Lenin.

According to Foreign Office figures, about 37,000 claimants registered a total of 60,000 claims valued at £400 million, of which about £50 million is for bonds raised to build railways and factories and the rest for properties seized at the time of the Tsar's downfall.

Successful claimants will receive about 10 per cent of their claims back from the £45 million of Russian funds unfrozen by the agreement.

Beyond revealing a few of the more bizarre items that have been claimed for - the list included a live parrot and a variety of livestock - the Foreign Office has given little away about which companies or individuals might be in line for a payout. The official reason is that too much information might inspire some creative interpretation of company records.

However the Foreign Office does admit that the records reveal the huge scale of British investment in Imperial Russia, something borne out by the work of Mr Stuart Thompson, a lecturer in Russian economic history at Nottingham University.

According to Mr Thompson's researches into newspapers, archives and Foreign Office correspondence of the time, British capital poured into Russia across a wide spectrum of manufacturing and mining enterprises.

Three areas that seem to have particularly dominated were textiles, oil exploration and copper mining, with more than half the copper extracted in pre-Revolutionary Russia being hewn from British-owned mines.

Perhaps the most famous British company involved which is still quoted on the Stock Exchange is Shell Transport & Trading, a keen explorer for Russian oil before World War I. According to Mr Thompson, Shell put about £5 million into the Black Sea Oil & Trading Company and at least £300,000 in the Caspi-



Revolutionary figures: Tsar Nicholas (far left) and the Bolshevik leader Vladimir Ilich Ulyanov Lenin (above). A Russian Government bond of 1822 (top left) and a City of St Petersburg 1913 bond (bottom left). They represented the imperial debts that Lenin and his revolutionary government refused to pay.

an & Black Sea Company. The company said it was still too early to say if Shell would be claiming under this week's agreement.

However a spokesman for the Vickers shipping group said his company was owed "around £617,000 in 1919 terms for armaments delivered to the Russians before and during the early part of the First World War".

The company would certainly be looking at the terms of the repayment of the Russian debts, he said.

A little bit of Britain remains alive in Russia in the form of the Nikolayev shipyard. Ships are still built at the

yard which was set up with technical assistance from Vickers under a licensing agreement.

In the textiles field, however, a few of the companies around at the turn of the century survive in their present form. One heavily involved in Russia at the time was J & P Coats of Glasgow, today part of the Coats Viyella group after a plethora of mergers in the British textiles industry.

According to Mr Thompson, Coats submitted an £8 million claim in respect of three nationalized thread mills. Other textiles groups, such as the De Jersey compa-

ny of Manchester, which claimed £6 million for the loss of 121 textile mills, were financially ruined by the revolution and eventually went into liquidation.

Some claims may be completely unfathomable. One that may be particularly difficult to trace is that of the *Sunday Times*, which put money into the North Caspian Oil Corporation. Unconnected with *The Times* 70 years ago, the newspaper passed during World War I, and a *Times* archivist says that no records appear to have survived from that era. The *Daily Express* was another newspaper trying to supplement its everyday income from advances in Russian capitalism.

Banking capital, of course, went to Russia at the same time as industrial money, with most of the leading clearing and merchant banks of the time involved in some form. What particular form, however, is unclear.

Although Mr Thompson's records show British banks investing in Russian banks and exploration companies, the banks themselves say they were probably acting as agents for other investors rather than on their own behalf. Lloyds Bank, for example, held a few Russian bonds but sold them off to collectors some time ago.

One bank that has been involved up to the present day is Baring Brothers, the merchant bank which has held the accounts of the Imperial government since 1917 and dutifully added interest until the funds totalled about £48 million. These accounts, from which the compensation will be paid, were unfrozen this week.

For Barings, this week's agreement will probably have little effect on its operations. It stopped sending bank statements to the Imperial government 65 years ago.

COMPANY NEWS

WAGON INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS: Year to March 31. Total dividend 8.5p (7.25p). Turnover £33.4 million (£73.2 million). Pretax profit £5.14 million (£4.71 million). Earnings per share 18.51p (11.96p). The group continues to receive interest on substantial cash surpluses in Britain.

MEYER-SWAIN GROUP: Year to April 30. Total dividend 2.1p (0.1p). Turnover £12.02 million (£9.53 million). Pretax profit £1.63 million (£853,000). Earnings per share, before extraordinary items, 9.5p (4.6p). Pretax profit for 1985 is after charging non-recurring expenditure of £403,000 (directors' fees and pension contributions). The company says this should be added to the pretax profit, to give £1.25 million, which is a fair comparison with 1985-86.

On more than doubled turnover of £4.46 million, against £1.96 million, pretax profits of the WPP Group jumped from £157,000 to £450,000 in the first half of this year. The interim dividend is being raised from 1.1p to 1.25p, payable on January 2. These figures include a first-time contribution from three acquisitions which were completed in the first half. The board of this industrial holding company, based at Hythe, Kent, plans to raise about £7 million (net of expenses) by a one-for-four underwritten rights issue at 30p a share.

BOGOD-PELEPAH: Year to March 31. Total dividend 0.31p (0.3p) on ordinary shares and 0.62p (0.6p) on A ordinary shares. Turnover £5.34 million (£5.9 million). Pretax profit £216,000 (£253,000). Earnings per ordinary share 1.25p (1.25p) and 2.51p (2.52p) on the A.

TEX HOLDINGS: Total dividend raised to 4.5p (3.5p) for the year to March 31. Turnover £4.6 million (£6.03 million). Pretax profit £27,000 (£341,000). Earnings per share 11.3p (9.2p). Talks now going on may lead to two further acquisitions.

SPAFAX TELEVISION HOLDINGS: Half-year to March 31. Turnover £1.16 million (£935,000). Pretax profit £195,000 (£223,000). Earnings per share 3.18p (3.39p). The board reports that all businesses are now showing real income potential.

COWAN, DE GROOT: Total dividend 2.5p - a 25 per cent increase - for the year to April 30. Turnover £30.9 million (£36.62 million). Pretax profit £1.16 million (£897,000). Earnings per share 5.7 (2.9p). The enlarged group, including Chart Foulks Lynch, is poised for greater growth.

ASHLEY INDUSTRIAL TRUST: Half-year to March 31. Turnover £578,000 (£686,000). Pretax profit £17,000 (£33,000). No tax (nil). Earnings per share 0.34p (0.66p).

ROTAFLEX: Half-year to June 30. As Rotaflex is subject to a recommended offer from the GTE Group of the US, it is not declaring an interim dividend (1.4p last time). Sales £28.76 million (£25.12 million). Pretax profit £2.15 million (£1.43 million). Earnings per share 12.0p (8.5p). The board says Rotaflex is on target to achieve forecast pretax profits of not less than £4.75 million.

NESCO INVESTMENTS: Contracts have been exchanged for the sale of Nesco's Hill Street, Birmingham, property for £435,000.

DOH BROTHERS, BUIST: The recommended offer by Shell UK and the cash alternative offered by Shell Holdings (UK) have become unconditional. Acceptances have been received for 12.72 million ordinary shares and 144,950 preference shares (97.2 per cent and 96.6 per cent respectively).

GUINNESS MARION: The company plans to seek the approval of the holders of the 6 per cent, unsecured loan stock.

1991/96, for its early redemption at £100 per £100 nominal. There is £300,343 nominal stock outstanding.

WATSEAM: Thames Valley Medical, part of the medical division, has acquired the name and certain assets of Bridge Medical Direct from Perrinton Medical Industries for about £30,000. Bridge Medical supplies medical instruments and equipment.

A KERSEAW & SONS: The company is reporting for the 28 weeks to May 17. Interim dividend 4p (4p) and special interim of 80p. Pretax profit £1.31 million (£1.31 million). Earnings per share 3.62p (3.60p).

ARGUS PRESS HOLDINGS (subsidiary of BET): Year to March 31, compared with the annualized results for the 12 months to March 31, 1985. Turnover £12.23 million (£18.21 million). Pretax profit £7.99 million (£7.71 million).

BOULTON & PAUL (subsidiary of BET): Year to March 31. Turnover £89.78 million (£86.86 million). Pretax profit £10.26 million (£10.71 million).

CORONATION SYNDICATE: Quarter to June 30, 1986, compared with the quarter to March 31. Pretax income £29,000 (£7,400), against £142,000. No tax (nil).

ROMNEY TRUST: Interim dividend 1.65p (same) for the half-year to June 30, payable on Sept. 4. Pretax revenue £890,000 (£1.61 million). Earnings per share 2.03p (3.48p).

ELECTRONIC MACHINE: Half-year to March 31. Turnover £1.08 million (£919,000). Pretax profit £18,000 (£28,000). Earnings per share 0.57p (0.92p).

ANGLO-AMERICAN SECURITIES CORP: Interim dividend 1.5p (same); payable on Sept. 3.

Hampson Industries, based at West Bromwich, West Midlands, is raising the first dividend from 0.75p to 0.9p for the year to March 31. This boosts the year's total from 1.05p to 1.245p. The board is also proposing a one-for-ten scrip issue. On turnover up from £22.01 million to £24.64 million, pretax profits rose from £1.3 million to £1.71 million - another record.

BOOTS: Mr R N Gunn, the chairman, told the annual meeting that in the quarter to June 30 group sales worldwide increased by 7.8 per cent. In the retail division, after a low start to the year because of poor weather, sales in Boots, The Chemists, rose by 8.9 per cent, of which only 2.4 per cent was inflation. There has been a significant improvement in real growth in most sections.

YONAN INVESTMENT TRUST: Interim dividend 4.5p (3.5p) for the half-year to June 30, payable Sept. 8. The board expects to recommend a final of not less than 6.5p, which would make 11p (9.5p). Pretax revenue £914,900 (£771,944). Earnings per share 5.22p (4.32p).

BASE LENDING RATES

Table of base lending rates for various banks and institutions, including ABN, Adam & Company, BCCI, etc.

WITHOUT US - SERVICE INDUSTRY GROWTH WOULD HAVE MISSED A STEP OR TWO

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Leaders enjoy selective support as confidence starts to return

By Michael Clark

Share prices decided to take their cue from Wall Street's steadier overnight performance yesterday and grew in confidence as the day wore on.

Dealers reported selective support for leading shares as investors once again dared to venture from their positions on the sidelines. Evidence of late support from New York also encouraged sentiment.

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formance helped gilts to sport gains of nearly 1/2%. Hopes are now starting to rise that the Bank of England will soon follow the lead of the US Federal Reserve and that the long hoped-for cut of one half of a percentage point to 9 1/2 per cent in bank base rates is not too far off.

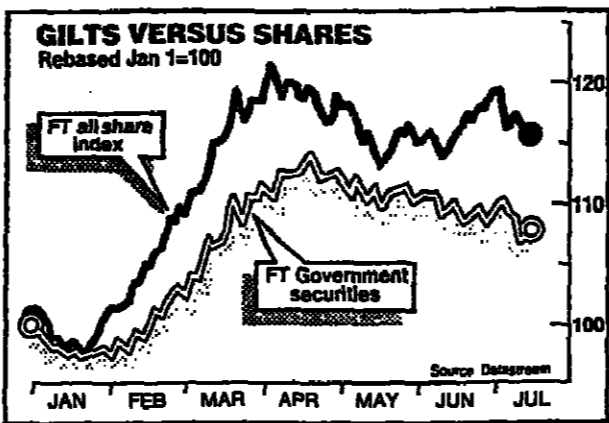
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possible candidates yesterday. Pilkington Brothers, which has been doing a tour of brokers' offices recently, left 12p to 42 1/2p as analysts continue to re-rate the shares.

Windsor, the women's classic fashion group, cut a dash in first-time dealings, opening at 11 1/2p, compared with the original offer price of 10 1/2p. They later settled at 11 1/2p - a premium of 6p.

There were also four newcomers taking their bow in the Unlisted Securities Market. Stanley Leisure, which runs a chain of bookmakers, started life at 11 1/2p, compared with the placing price of 11 1/2p and closed 9p dearer at 11 1/2p.

Anglia Secure Homes, the sheltered housing group, scored a 21p premium over the placing price of 11 1/2p at 13 1/2p.

Fletcher Dennis Systems, the micro-computer systems service group, started life at 7 1/2p against a placing price of 7 1/2p, but later slipped to 7 1/4p.

Hille Ergonom, the contract furniture group, made a shaky start, with a 1p discount at 9 1/2p. The shares later rallied and finished 1p higher at 9 1/2p.

Wednesday's newcomers on the USM continued to suffer different fates. Hodgson, the funeral director, held on to its initial 30p premium, unchanged at 11 1/2p, but M6 Cash & Carry, which was ignored by investors, lost more ground. The price fell 4p to 8 1/2p - a discount of 1 1/2p.

The market is convinced that Mr Michael Ashcroft's Hawley Group is gearing itself up for another sizeable acquisition after a period of relative tranquility. There are several targets being mentioned. One is Nu-Swift, the fire extinguisher manufacturer, where Hawley already owns a near-30 per cent stake.

The other is Mr David Evans's beleaguered Brengreen, the industrial cleaning group, which Mr Ashcroft joined straight from school as an office boy. Earlier this week, Brengreen announced a £1 million shortfall in pre-tax profits to £2 million.

Hawley already owns 13 per cent of Brengreen, which carries a price tag of £26.5 million.

Equity & General, the leasing and garage group, was unchanged at its peak of 29p after Raphael Zorn, the broker, announced it had sold 2.76 million shares, or 11.8 per cent of the equity, on behalf of investment clients to a mystery buyer.

Earlier this week, there was talk that as much as 25 per cent of Equity & General's shares had changed hands. Marketmen are now hoping for a large capital injection and claim the shares could soon reach 60p a share.

Oil shares continued to benefit from the firmer oil price, which rose above the \$10 level on the spot market. The price of Brent crude for September delivery rose by about 1 1/4 cents to \$10.95.

BP advanced another 10p to 58 1/2p, still reflecting recent news of a big oil find in Indonesia.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet Shareowning society still a long way off

The latest surveys of share ownership are encouraging for advocates of the equity-owning democracy. On average, they show 14 per cent of adults owning shares, a dramatic reversal of decades of decline.

But, as Sir Nicholas Goodison pointed out in his Templeton lecture yesterday, that is superficial. The Stock Exchange's own survey showed that 51 per cent of shareholders hold stock in only one company and a further 20 per cent invest in less than four, leaving only 1.5 million with a portfolio.

These figures reflect two government successes. Employee share schemes, built on foundations laid during the Lib-Lab pact, have multiplied from 30 to more than 1,000 since 1979, bringing wholly new groups into shareholding.

Privatization of British Telecom has brought another stream of new investors, and a more likely source of a new breed to reverse the old tide. The flotation of British Gas is likely to boost the numbers with two shares.

Yet, as Sir Nicholas stressed, there is a long way to go. The total value of shares in British listed companies in the hands of direct investors is only about £65 billion, compared with £91 billion in building society deposits

and £420 billion in house ownership. Even with the special impetus of utilities privatized with unheard-of razzmatazz, Britain lags behind such unlikely countries as Sweden and France in individual share ownership.

The breakthrough there came with schemes to make investment tax deductible. The personal equity plans introduced in the Finance Bill are a pale imitation, giving new relief effectively only on dividends. They do not compare with the tax advantages of pensions.

But is Sir Nicholas right to advocate more drastic measures to widen share ownership? Those who advocate low tax rates on a wide base with few reliefs can hardly espouse juicy new reliefs for investment.

Giving away shares in nationalized industries - a sort of welfare share ownership - looks even less attractive.

The Government might look closer at the effect of pensions, whether or not they are personal or portable. Pensions die with the pensioner, artificially extinguishing savings and hindering the natural spread by inheritance of the sort of free wealth that should logically find its way into direct stakes in industry. It would not be too difficult to give those who save through pension schemes a free choice than now between spending and maintaining their wealth in retirement.

Cabinet deals its cards

The July Cabinet meeting on public spending, which took place yesterday, has become a curious, but rather charming, ritual. Ministers swear allegiance to the planned total then, after the summer recess, do their level best to bust it.

Yesterday went according to plan. The planning total of £143.7 billion for 1987-88 was reaffirmed, and the Cabinet also agreed without much difficulty on £148.7 billion for 1988-89.

The real battle, however, has still to come. John MacGregor, the Chief Secretary, has failed to excite the popular newspapers into describing him either as the Chancellor's axeman, a soubriquet enjoyed by his predecessors. Rather, he adopts the style of the poker player.

Roughly half of his chips, the total being the £6.3 billion reserve for 1987-88, will disappear next week with an announcement from the Environment Secretary, Nicholas Ridley, about local authority spending and the rate support grant. And so, by September, the start of the game proper, Mr MacGregor will not have that much to play with.

Last year, the public spending circle was squared by a huge increase in the amount the Government expected to raise from privatization, which counts as negative public spending, from just over £2 billion to nearly £5 billion. This time, with parts of the privatization programme falling like ninepins, an increase from the existing £4.75 billion will be stretching things.

Public spending benefits from the fact that inflation is running at a lower rate than the Treasury expected. But that is probably offset by the slower-than-expected growth in the economy and.

Public sector pay, too, is probably running ahead of expectations, and, crucially for the public sector borrowing requirement, the gap between private and public pay has narrowed.

The autumn public spending round will be a difficult one, therefore, conducted in the midst of the more general debate over spending versus tax cuts. Governments have tended to achieve some sort of control over spending in mid-term then relax it as the election approaches. It remains to be seen whether this Government is different.

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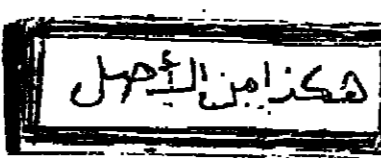
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The going is better for stronger BET

BET not only produced encouraging full-year figures, which boosted the shares by 13p to 459p, but also added a commendable amount of detail to flesh out the statement. Would that some other conglomerates were so helpful. Pretax profits of £124.6 million, up 34.3 per cent on the comparable 12 months, were in line with expectations, but the earnings per share at 24 per cent ahead were better than forecast. A reduction in the tax charge to 29 per cent and a fall in minorities, because of the fall in the South African rand, were the main factors. Four years ago, the company set out its corporate objectives, which included buying into higher growth areas and selling out of standard or peripheral areas. Yesterday, it pointed out just how far along that road it had come. The strategically weak areas in the group now account for less than 15 per cent of capital employed, against 50 per cent in 1982. The weakness can be turned to strength through the right acquisitions in some areas like security, although in others it will mean further disposals. Acquisitions last year accounted for £23.7 million, or 57.6 per cent, of the gross profits growth, after stripping out a £7.7 million exchange rate loss. Organic growth was £29.3 million or 59.4 per cent. BET is still pursuing acquisitions in its chosen fields and is hoping to grow its business organically through persuading existing customers to take other group services. Those who use Initial's laundry services, for example, might like to buy some Anglian windows. Gearing was 65 per cent at the year-end - quite by British standards but quite acceptable to BET. It expects to be cash generative this year, so borrowings will fall. This year will also see the benefit, probably below the line, of the profits from the sale of the SGB stake and Thames Television flotation, raising a gross £23.5 million. Pretax profits should come out at about £150 million, according to James Capel, giving an undemanding prospective p/e ratio of 11. Gestetner Holdings City professionals have become experts on office technology overnight. Many firms have spent millions wiring up the latest equipment so they can compete on international markets against the biggest American and Japanese houses. In the process they have belatedly learnt to distinguish between the old and new technologies, a development which is not wholly to Gestetner Holdings' advantage. Nearly a third of Gestetner's sales are still in stencil duplicators, a product which most Stock Exchange dealers now think went out with the Ark. Copiers account for a further 40 per cent of sales and offset printers for 20 per cent. Given this profile, it is not surprising that Gestetner is looking for a fourth leg, using newer technology. Its hopes are pinned on a desk-top publishing machine, development of which cost £800,000 in the six months to May 3. There will be further start-up costs in the second half as the company tests the market on the continent and across the Atlantic. Partly as a result of these costs, interim profits fell from £6.23 million to £5.12 million before tax. Performance in America and Canada was disappointing and trade with China was hit by restrictions on import finance. Profits from EEC countries, however, jumped from £1.04 million to £4.16 million. The second half should benefit from savings following the closure of the factory at Tottenham, in North London. On an annual basis, these should amount to £3 million a year. Meanwhile the company has applied with MFI for planning permission to develop the site. If successful Gestetner would make a substantial profit on the sale. On full-year profits of £13 million the shares at 155p are

trading on 13 times prospective earnings. Assuming the newly educated computer boffins in the City do not suddenly show an interest in desk-top publishing, the shares are unlikely to find favour on trading grounds. There is continued speculative interest, however, surrounding Warburg Investment Management's 20 per cent stake.

Rank Organisation

Rank Organisation is under pressure to choose its next acquisition carefully. The attraction of making a large purchase in growth businesses has not gone away, just because its bid for Granada was thwarted by the Independent Broadcasting Authority. Investors are worried, therefore, that Rank will rush into a purchase. The company went out of its way to play down this risk yesterday. It said the emphasis is now on small and medium acquisitions, though larger ones are not ruled out. So far this year it has spent £112 million on acquisitions, including £68 million on Ladbroke Group's bingo clubs and amusement arcades and £38 million on Haven Leisure, a holiday company. The short-term benefits of the Ladbroke acquisition have been diminished by a fall in bingo admissions. Apparently customers are choosing to enjoy the hot weather rather than play the national game, launched last month with £50,000 prizes. The effect of the purchases was not apparent in the first-half figures, announced yesterday. These showed profits up from £62.8 million to £70.2 million, but as they exclude the seasonal contributions from the holiday business they are of limited value. Rank Xerox contributed £40.8 million. For the year as whole profits are expected to reach £160 million, suggesting the shares at 509p are trading on 11.6 times earnings. That reflects uncertainty about Rank's next move.

APPOINTMENTS

Directors named at Lazard

Lazard Brothers: Mr Nigel Brian has become deputy finance director. Mr Mark Francis and Mr Lars McBride are assistant directors. Mr Neil Lakes becomes an assistant director on September 1. Scottish Unit Managers: Mr Mike Healy is now sales director. Optic Electronic Corporation: Mr Walter Lowrie has been made chairman. Mr John Carr and General John Deane are to join the board as directors. Crystallite Holdings: Mr Araz Nash is now a non-executive director. Molecular Conservation: Mr Steve Gilbert has joined the board. CADCentre: Mr David Dace is the new chairman. Compaq Computer: Mr David Rowe has been named as UK sales director.



Mr Steve Gilbert, above, has joined the board of Molecular Conservation

J Henry Schroder Wagg & Co: Mr R Carter, Mr WM Samuel, Mr AC Williams and Mr PN Savary have been appointed directors. STC: Dr Nigel Horne has been made director, technical and corporate development. Concrete Society: Dr Jan Bobrowski becomes president, succeeding Mr Ian Thornton. Chincraff: Mrs Carolyn Balcombe has been named as director. Mr Geoffrey Edward becomes director, Chincraff London. The Royal Trust Company of Canada: Mr John Lowesey becomes managing director. The Brighton Marina Company: Mr Reg Morgan joins the board as a non-executive director. Mowlem Management: Mr Raymond Payne becomes a director. The Chase Manhattan Bank: Mr Dennis Blair joins as managing director, Index Fund and Hedging Group.

Commission can keep evidence private

Regina v Monopolies and Mergers Commission, Ex parte Matthew Brown plc. Before Mr Justice Macpherson [Judgment given July 17]. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission had a discretion to establish, within the framework of the Fair Trading Act 1973, its own procedure and approach to inquiries into proposed mergers, and it was not for the High Court to impose a requirement on the commission to disclose every piece of evidence which might influence its report to all parties to the inquiry. Mr Justice Macpherson so held in the Queen's Bench Division refusing an application for summary judgment by the applicants, Matthew Brown plc who sought to quash the report of the commission dated October 18, 1985 which dealt with the proposed merger between Scottish and Newcastle Breweries plc and Matthew Brown plc, made pursuant to Part 5 of the 1973 Act. Mr Richard Buxton, QC and Mr Peter Roth for Matthew Brown; Mr John Mummy for the commission; Mr Anthony Graham-Dixon, QC and Mr Kenneth Parker for Scottish and Newcastle.

MR JUSTICE MACPHERSON said that the reference to the commission arose from a bid made by Scottish and Newcastle for the capital of Matthew Brown. On April 24, the Department of Trade and Industry referred the proposed merger to the commission and on May 1 a group of six members was appointed to handle the case. The April bid never went ahead after it had lapsed as a result of that reference, but the companies had their own reasons for the pursuit of their cases in court. The applicants claimed, inter alia, that there was manifest unfairness to them in that the commission relied on evidence put before it by Scottish and Newcastle which was not put before the applicants. Mr Buxton said that all parties should have put to them the substance of any such evidence which the commission received which was adverse to the position adopted by the opposing party and upon which the commission or might rely in making its report. Furthermore, he said that parties should be given sufficient indication of inferences which the commission thought did, or might arise from the evidence submitted to them so as to enable the opposing parties to consider whether further evidence or argument should be submitted upon the relevant point. In failing to give the applicants a sight of the submissions made after August 22, 1985, and a right to comment upon them or indeed to call further evidence, it was thus said that there was manifest unfairness and procedural impropriety amounting to a breach of the rules of natural justice. His Lordship said he was wholly unable to accept the applicants' submissions for, inter alia, the following reason: The trimtable and conduct of the case by the commission had to be looked at as a whole. It was wrong to seek to impose upon the commission any such uniform requirement that every piece of material put before it might in any way influence its report must go to all parties or even to the opposing main participants in the bid. The commission established within the framework of the 1973 Act, its own procedure and its own approach to each reference. Of course it had to have regard to the provisions of the Act. But it had a discretion which was broad and which should not be prescribed or inflexible. The concept of fairness was itself flexible and should not be subject to the court laying down rules or steps which had to be followed. The question in each case was whether the commission had adopted a procedure so unfair that no reasonable commissioner or group would have adopted it so that it could be said to have acted with manifest unfairness. Provided each party had its mind brought to bear upon the relevant issues it was not for the court to lay down rules as to how the commission should act in any particular inquiry. His Lordship added that all parties knew perfectly well that competition in north and west-Cumbria was under review and the applicants at all stages had the opportunity to be heard on that question. Solicitors: Allen & Overy; Treasury Solicitor; Slaughter & May.

Meaning of 'previously' in winding-up company

In re A. V. Sarge & Co Ltd. Before Mr Justice Hoffmann [Judgment given July 15]. The word "previously" in rule 195 of the Companies (Winding-up) Rules (SI 1949 No 330 (Ld)), which gave the court power to fix the remuneration of a voluntary liquidator, meant previously to the making of the compulsory winding-up order, and not previously to the presentation of the petition; and costs incurred in the winding-up bore the same meaning as costs of and incidental to the winding-up; and thus included costs of convening the creditors' meeting and the costs incurred in handing over to the compulsory liquidator after the making of the compulsory order. Mr Justice Hoffmann so held in the Chancery Division in a reserved judgment on a motion by the liquidator to discharge the order of the registrar, fixing the remuneration of the voluntary liquidator, Mr Ashworth, whose position as voluntary liquidator had been confirmed at a meeting of creditors on December 8, 1982, at £3,427.86, including disbursements of £3,327.47. The petition for compulsory winding-up was presented on November 15, 1982, but Mr Ashworth, in an affidavit, said that the existence of the petition did not come to his attention until the day before the creditors' meeting. The note went on with remorseless logic to point out that directors who allowed such expenses to be incurred on credit would be guilty of fraudulent trading since ex hypothesi they knew the company was unable to pay its debts, and recommended that all such expenses should be paid for in advance. On that basis if the company was wholly illiquid, it would have to languish in limbo, unable either to trade or to be wound-up, unless a creditor could be persuaded to put it out of its misery by presenting a petition for compulsory winding-up. If that was the law its effect was to create a trap for the unwary, and would inhibit the winding-up of insolvent companies. His Lordship did not believe that the legislature intended such an odd result: no distinction should be drawn between "costs in the winding-up" and phrases like "costs of and incidental to the winding-up". Similarly a voluntary liquidator who had been displaced had still to answer queries, deal with incoming letters, hand over assets and so forth, and those costs were, in his Lordship's view, incurred in the winding-up. His Lordship would therefore dismiss the liquidator's motion. Solicitors: Bazley White & Co; Edward Lloyd & Co, Liverpool; Frubman Davies & Co, Manchester.

Awarding costs in industrial appeals

Ratton v British Airways. When an appeal brought under the preliminary hearing procedure was dismissed, because no arguable point of law was disclosed, no order for costs should be made as there was no basis for saying that the appeal was "unsuccessful" within the meaning of rule 27 of the Employment Appeal Tribunal Rules (SI 1980 No 2035). The Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Scott, Mr J. Galbraith and Mr R. Lewis) held on July 15. MR JUSTICE SCOTT said that it was a legitimate use of the statutory appeal procedure that complaints of unfair dismissal which had been lost before an industrial tribunal could be reviewed at the appeal tribunal. It would be damaging if some sort of "costs follow the event" rule be introduced. The purpose of a preliminary hearing was to enable a decision to be taken at an early stage and before large sums of costs were incurred. The opportunity of a review by the appeal tribunal was a desirable part of the judicial structure provided to deal with unfair dismissal complaints.

Airport plan signals property boom

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong. One of the world's most exciting airport approaches is set to become even more vibrant following a government review of high-rise buildings around Hong Kong's Kai Tak airport. There had been plans for a second Hong Kong airport - which would have kept heights down - but these have been scrapped following the announcement that China is to build an international airport in Shenzhen. Now proposals to free Kowloon for high-rise developments drawn up by the Civil Aviation Department and the land works branch are ready to go to the colony's highest policy-making body, the Executive Council. If the government gives the go-ahead it will be a tremendous boost to property developers on the overcrowded colony where all land is at a premium. Mr Nicholas Brooke, deputy managing director of Swire Properties, said the green light would have a big impact on Hong Kong property values.

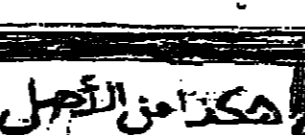
Chase Manhattan Bank

Mr Dennis Blair joins as managing director, Index Fund and Hedging Group. J Henry Schroder Wagg & Co: Mr JA Adams, Mr JC Astor, Miss J Barnes, Mrs R Blomfield-Smith, Mr CN Boothman, Mr N Calger-Smith, Mrs AJ Caruath, Mr C Collins, Mrs C Davis, Mr AM Gaalter, Mr H Grootenhaus, Miss M Hall, Mr R Hays, Mr JC Henderson, Mr J Horsburgh, Mr FH Jackson, Mr BM Jones, Mr RC Lazarus, Mr AM Shaw, Mr RF Thurgood, Mr H van der Kragt and Mr B Ward have been appointed assistant directors.

Oxford University class lists

Table containing Oxford University class lists for various subjects including Natural Science, Chemistry, History, and Oriental Studies. Lists names of students and their respective schools.

The Rank Organisation Interim Results - 1986. Table showing financial performance for 28 weeks ending 12.5.86 and 28 weeks ending 11.5.85. Metrics include Profit before tax (£70.2m vs £62.8m), Earnings per share (18.4p vs 16.9p), and Ordinary dividend (6.25p vs 5.5p). Includes a logo and text: 'Further progress in performance and profitability'. The Interim Report will be posted to shareholders on 24th July 1986. Copies may be obtained from the Secretary, The Rank Organisation Plc, 6 Comingsgate Place, London W2 2ZZ.





YOUR OWN BUSINESS

The battle for profits



Bang! You're rich (maybe): War games for executives and, inset, franchisor John Wright

By Lawrence Lever
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By Paul Martin

ATHLETICS

I may ignore Jim challenge

Football

Arch is aiming to style to Scotland

Hutchins looks to future and chooses Castle for singles

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent
Andrew Castle, from Taunton, who is in his first year as a professional, will play singles for Britain against Australia in their Davis Cup quarter-finals at Wimbledon from today until Sunday.

Draw

British names first TODAY (noon): J Bates v P Cash; A Castle v P McNamee. TOMORROW (2.0): J Lloyd and C Dawson v P Cash and J Fitzgerald. SUNDAY (noon): Castle v Cash; Bates v McNamee.

sequence at the expense of the 1985 Wimbledon runners-up, Pat Cash and John Fitzgerald. There was no convincing evidence that in the twilight of his career Lloyd would be a better investment than Bates or Castle in the singles. Consequently the British captain, Paul Hutchins, was justified in looking to the future and announcing what may superficially be regarded as a controversial decision.

Bates, aged 24, has won six of his seven Davis Cup singles and lasted five sets in his only defeat. Castle, aged 22, was neither a memory nor a promise when he returned to England this year after more than four touring years in the United States. But he swiftly made a modest name for himself as a tough and accomplished competitor, notably when taking Mats Wilander to five sets at Wimbledon.

Looking for revenge

Stobdan Zivojinovic today seeks to avenge his Wimbledon semi-final defeat by Ivan Lendl when he leads Yugoslavia in their Davis Cup world group quarter-final tennis tie against Czechoslovakia at Sarajevo. But Zivojinovic will have to be satisfied with national rather than a personal triumph, because Lendl is not in the Czechoslovakian squad.

ROWING

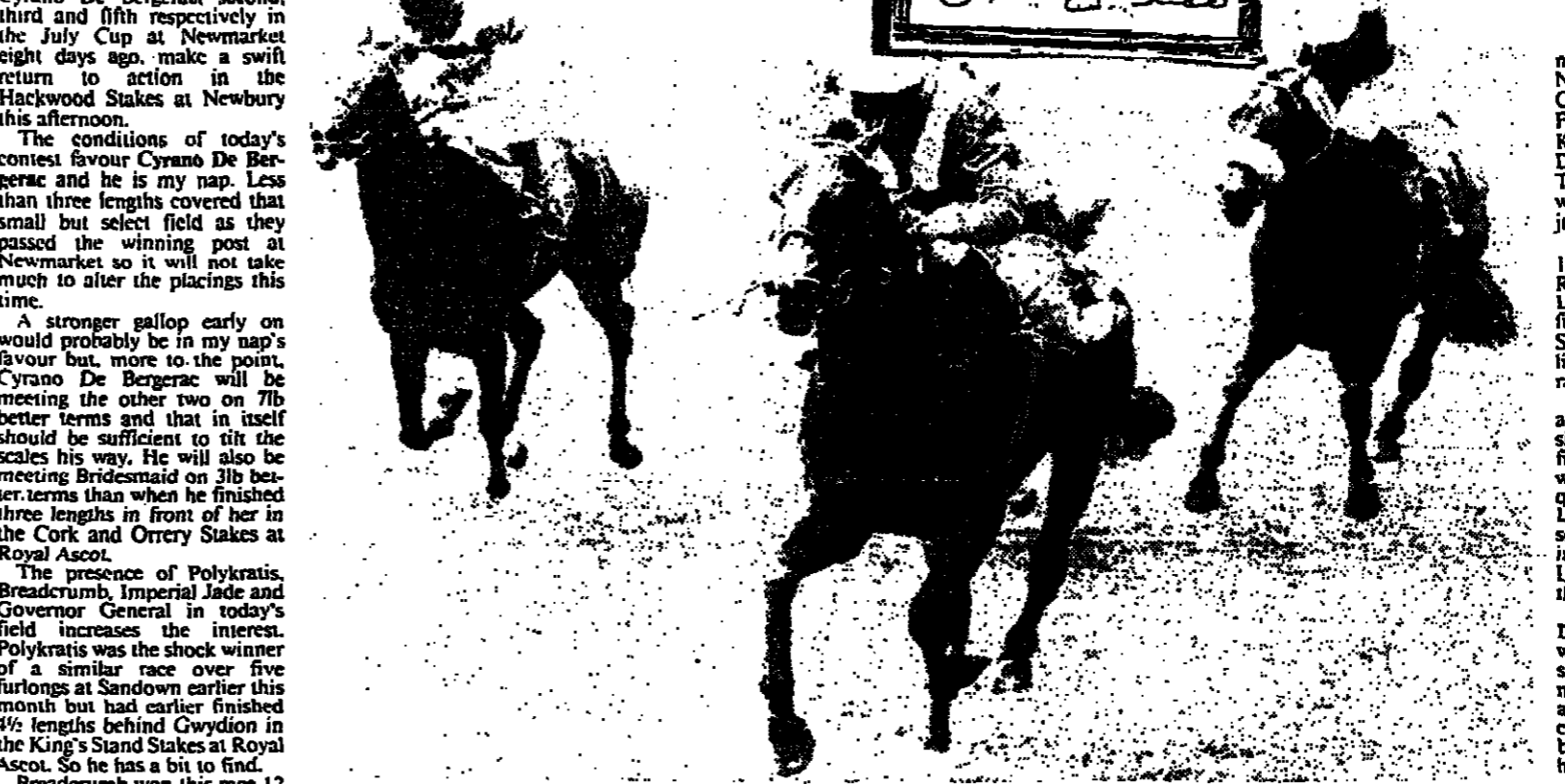
Bedford bring in Barnard for Singfield

Despite notable absences on international call, the national rowing championships of Great Britain, which begin today on Nottingham's Holme Pierrepont course, has attracted 507 entries, which is only 10 fewer than last year's record. By late Sunday afternoon the national championships will have held 260 races lasting over 26 hours and a half, which will result in a number of exhausted officials and 53 national champions of Great Britain. With the top rowing stars and composite crews, this year should be a vintage one for real down to earth club crews.



RACING: HASTINGS-BASS COLT ABLE TO MEET JULY CUP RIVALS ON IMPROVED TERMS

Weights favour Cyrano De Bergerac



By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)
Grey Desire, Gwydion and Cyrano De Bergerac, second, third and fifth respectively in the July Cup at Newmarket eight days ago, make a swift return to action in the Hackwood Stakes at Newbury this afternoon. The conditions of today's contest favour Cyrano De Bergerac and he is my nap. Less than three lengths covered that small but select field as they made the winning post at Newmarket so it will not take much to alter the placings this time.

NEWBURY

3.30 HACKWOOD STAKES (22,207: 6f) (11)
Grey Desire (M) (Epsom) M 6-9-7 W R Shelburne 5
POLYKRATIS (M) (Farnborough) M E France 4-9-3 C Rutter 4

2.0 ALDBOURNE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O; £3,853: 1m) (12 runners)
101 3 ALEC'S DREAM (M) (Kilnaburg) A Stewart 9-0 M Roberts 2
102 4 DUCKSIBER (M) (Kilnaburg) M E France 4-9-3 C Rutter 4

2.0 ALEC'S DREAM, 2.0 Belotto, 3.0 Kathy W. 3.30 CYRANO DE BERGERAC (nap), 4.0 Ultra Nova, 4.30 Jackdaw. By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Alec's Dream, 3.0 Kathy W. 3.30 Cyrano De Bergerac. 4.0 Lingering. 4.30 All is Revealed. By Michael Seely

4.0 CHATTS HILL MAIDEN FILLES STAKES (2-Y-O; £3,424: 5f) (13)
402 422 HESTERBEE (M) (Kilnaburg) M E France 4-9-3 C Rutter 4

3.0 ALLIED DUNBAR HANDICAP (3-Y-O fillies; 25,408: 1m 2f) (8)
301 422110 SUNLEY SINNER (Sunley Holdings) P Walsby 5-7 W R Shelburne 2

4.30 WHITE HORSE HANDICAP (£3,915: 2m) (11)
601 1074-83 JAMESREAD (G) (Aldon) D Eborac 5-10-0 Pat Eddery 11

THIRSK
3.45 COLIN TINKLER SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O; £1,406: 7f) (15 runners)
3 0 MEDAL LION MAW W Mackie 8-11 N Carlisle 1

4.45 STEVE NORTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O; £2,007: 7f) (14)
1 0644 BILLS AHEAD (G) Moore 5-0 W Hill 7

HAMILTON PARK
6.45 MARLEY STRATHCLYDE ROOFING CENTRE HANDICAP (£1,702: 5f) (8 runners)
1 0216 TAMPER (C) T Craig 5-9-15 J H Jones 6

THIRSK (continued)
2 2310 COINAGE R Johnson Houghton 8-10 J Field 2

HAMILTON PARK (continued)
7.15 MARLEY TOP OF SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O; £2,873: 6f) (8)
2 034 PEGALM (C) M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 6

THIRSK (continued)
4.15 EBF CHRIS THORNTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O; £1,782: 6f) (10)
3 001 BERTHELIER G Cahill 9-0 D Mitchell 7

HAMILTON PARK (continued)
7.45 MARLEY MONARCH MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O; £1,320: 6f) (8)
11 4 Wizzard Magic, 7-2 Tarrant, 4-1 Sheel, 5-1 Royal Bear, 13-2 Wizzard Magic, 10-1 Russian Tiger, 20-1 others.

THIRSK (continued)
4.55 PETER EASTERBY HANDICAP (£2,784: 6f) (11)
3 000-0 RESTORATION G Cahill 4-7-7 D Mitchell 7

HAMILTON PARK (continued)
7.55 MARLEY ROOFUS HANDICAP (£1,811: 1m 4f) (4)
4 0162 SILENT JOURNEY (JRM) J W Wats 4-9-7 T Wats 2

THIRSK (continued)
11 4400 COLWAY RADIAL Doves Smith 5-8-2 L Carlisle 1

Balding has another juvenile double

Ian Balding, who completed a notable two-year-old double at Newmarket last week with Chasing Moonbeams and Forest Flower, repeated the feat at Kempton Park yesterday with Dunningal and Morewoods. The Kingsclere trainer has now won 13 races with 10 individual juveniles.

Despite drifting from 3-1 to 6-1, Dunningal, a daughter of Mill Reef, beat a big field in the Lurch Maiden Filly Stakes. A full sister to the useful River Spey, Dunningal did not look like a filly when she met the rest of the maidens in a racecourse for the first time. Pat Eddery had her quickly away from the stalls and the showed excellent speed in the first furlong to overcome the worse. Dunningal was quickly matching strides with Lucky Stone and Musical Rhapsody, gradually asserting herself in the last quarter mile to beat Lucky Stone, the favourite, by three-quarters of a length.

Kempton results

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Lurch Maiden (3) Bazaar, 5-1 Fav; Contam (G Starkey), 6-11; ALSO RAN: 6 Morewoods (Pat Eddery), 10-3; 7 River Spey (G Starkey), 10-3; 8 Musical Rhapsody, 15-1; 9 Forest Flower (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 10 Chasing Moonbeams (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 11 River Spey (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 12 Forest Flower (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 13 Chasing Moonbeams (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 14 River Spey (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 15 Forest Flower (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 16 Chasing Moonbeams (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 17 River Spey (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 18 Forest Flower (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 19 Chasing Moonbeams (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 20 River Spey (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 21 Forest Flower (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 22 Chasing Moonbeams (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 23 River Spey (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 24 Forest Flower (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 25 Chasing Moonbeams (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 26 River Spey (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 27 Forest Flower (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 28 Chasing Moonbeams (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 29 River Spey (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 30 Forest Flower (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 31 Chasing Moonbeams (Pat Eddery), 15-1; 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SPORT

# Faldo passes test with distinction

By Mitchell Platt

Nick Faldo passed his severest examination since re-modelling his swing by compiling a one-over-par first round of 71 in the 115th Open Championship on the Ailsa course at Turnberry yesterday. He emerged with distinction following a gruelling four hours and a half encounter which tested his patience to the limit as others, stirred and shaken by a howling 35 mph westerly, felt exhausted by the wayside.

Bernhard Langer, with a birdie three at the 16th and an eagle three at the 17th, had a valiant 72, but Severiano Ballesteros and Sandy Lyle struggled to arrest their own catastrophic starts. Faldo's performance was one of courage as he fought for survival among the sand hills. He kept his score intact with a combination of authoritative striking and arduous scrambling which belied his two years in the wilderness.

From the moment that the Canadian Ray Stewart, who was among the first group to depart, was compelled to take a penalty drop from the knee-high rough it became abundantly clear that the casualty list would grow as the round unfolded.

In truth one could sympathise with Craig Stadler, the burly American, as he tangled with the undergrowth at the 14th. In his effort to escape he moved the ball only one inch and aggravated an injury to the tendons of his left wrist so that after completing an 82 he was forced to seek medical treatment.

Yet mostly it was the pride of some of the world's leading golfers that was hurt as Jack Nicklaus, and Ray Floyd, the US Masters and Open champions respectively, both took 78s and Curtis Strange (79), Mark O'Meara (80), Howard Clark (81) and the Australian Ian Baker-Finch (86) disappeared without trace. Faldo has had to swallow his pride in order to systematically piece together a new swing designed to provide him with the required ammunition to withstand the very conditions which existed yesterday. In the past his old swing too often betrayed him even if the spirit was willing.

He now fans the blade open, to create a flatter arc, and whereas there was once a weakness at the top of his swing he now possesses the courage of his convictions to attack the hole knowing full well that such an aggressive approach could bring a disastrous result.

Faldo has suffered a decline while re-modelling the swing, failing to win for more than two years, and he has been displaced as the leading British golfer by Sandy Lyle, who firmly grasped the baton by winning the Open Championship at Royal St George's 12 months ago.

Even so Faldo has remained convinced that the change of style would eventually enable him to elbow his way back into the front line. He says the most knowledgeable audience in the world to do just

that by refusing to submit to a treacherous course amply protected even without the assistance of such wicked conditions.

"There is no more for me to learn about the swing change," said Faldo. "With the old swing I would have simply been delighted to have made a square hit. I can now manoeuvre the ball how I desire. I knew it was going to be tough and I felt that a score of 76 or better would have been good. So I have obviously got to be very pleased with my efforts."

Faldo was required to salvage a par from out of a greenside bunker at the first. He dropped a shot at the next, driving into the rough, but he repaired the damage with a marvellous birdie three at the third (462 yards). He followed a one-iron tee shot with an excellent running two-iron which took the ball to within one foot of the hole. Faldo dropped a shot at both the fourth and fifth holes but his confidence grew after he had made the turn in 38, which is three over par.

He completed a remarkable escape at the tenth by pitching from behind the green to eight

expectations, then Richard Masters produced an even more remarkable performance. He is the 29-year-old professional at the nine-hole South Bradford course and his score of 73 must seem almost unreal to the likes of a Nicklaus, who has won 20 major championships. Masters, whose first job was in general engineering, has a best finish of 40th on the European circuit.

**Start times**

Principal starting times for today's second round (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): 08.20: J Nicklaus (US), B Langer (W.G.), R Davis (Aus), 08.15: D Hammond (US), P Stewart (US), S Ballesteros (Sp), 08.40: H Green (US), I Woosnam, T Nakajima (Japan), 08.45: T Ales (US), S Torrioni, D Graham (Aus), 08.20: T Watson (US) G J Brand, M McIlroy (SA), 10.20: L Trevino (US), B Covert (US), S Lyle, 1.02: R Floyd (US), M Penro (Sp), G Norman (Aus), 2.15: S Randolph (US), N Faldo, O Moore (Aus).

● Greg Norman believes the Open should have a two-tee start to make things fairer. The Australian feels that changes in the weather can play too big a part over a long day and he backs a system where players start their rounds at both the first and 10th tees.

● Only five amateurs are taking part at Turnberry: David Curry, the British amateur champion, is joined by Ulster's Garth McGimpsey, last year's British champion, and England's Mark Davis, Jeremy Robinson and Andy Cotton.

● Tom Watson's caddy, Alfie Fyles, had a long day yesterday. Watson did not start his first round until 3 pm, but 60-year-old Fyles was on the course at the crack of dawn. He accompanied championship committee member Alan Turner, who was deciding pin placings, and then relayed the information back to the other caddies.

● Andrew Oldcorn, the former English amateur champion who speaks with a Scottish accent, should improve his French during the first two rounds. The 26-year-old, born in Bolton but a resident of Edinburgh for most of his life, has been paired with Emmanuel Dussart and Michel Tapia. All three had to come through the final qualifying tournament.

● The success that Scandinavian golfers are starting to enjoy in Europe can be gauged from the fact that nine Swedish journalists have travelled to Turnberry this year compared to only one 12 months ago. Only two of their players have qualified this week, however. Ove Sellberg, winner at Chesbury in May, and Anders Forsbrand, eighth in the last Open.

**Card of the course**

Hole	Yards	Par	10	452	4
1	350	4	11	177	3
2	428	4	12	448	4
3	482	4	13	411	4
4	167	3	14	440	4
5	441	4	15	200	4
6	222	3	16	409	4
7	528	5	17	500	5
8	427	4	18	431	4
9	435	4	19	247	3
10	435	4	20	357	3
Out	3480	35	Total	8657	70

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feet, from where he holed. Then he struck a nine-iron to ten feet for a two at the 11th.

Inevitably Faldo had his fair share of problems, and he dropped a shot at both the 12th and 14th holes, but he replied with a finish that gave him the foundation on which to build a true championship challenge.

Faldo holed from eight feet for a birdie at the 16th. He took advantage of the help of the wind at the 17th (500 yards) by getting up with a driver and a seven-iron. Then he completed a sequence of three successive birdies by coaxing the ball home from 18 feet on the last green.

Ian Stanley, of Australia, dropped a shot at no less than seven holes but the four-iron which he struck to within two feet of the hole at the fourth was the first of five birdies in an adventurous 72.

Sam Randolph, the US amateur champion, is playing in only his third tournament as a professional. He was out in 38, which was no mean feat, but he excelled by covering the inward half without a blemish on his card. He even had a two at the 15th where he struck a seven-iron to ten feet.

Andrew Brooks, like Stanley and Randolph, took 72. It was an astonishing display from the Scottish club professional who confesses he has no particular liking for the Open. Brooks has come through both the regional and final qualifying tests to play in this championship and he would have been satisfied with his round even without the three successive birdies he had from the 15th.

If Brooks surpassed his own



European challenge: Britain's Nick Faldo (above) blasts his way out of a bunker, Spain's Severiano Ballesteros (below left) lines up a putt and Bernhard Langer, of West Germany, celebrates after scoring a birdie



## Day Norman felt like a nonentity

By John Hennessy

Ray Floyd, the United States Open champion, emerged shell-shocked from the last green at Turnberry after taking 78, or eight over what is laughingly called the par for the course. In his 44th year he can bring vast experience to bear but never, he said later, had he played golf in such severe conditions. Nor could he remember last taking an eight as he did yesterday after losing his first ball off the tee at the par four 14th.

In the circumstances, he regarded the 74 of his playing companion, Greg Norman, as "a lovely round". The rugged Australian, who heads the Order of merit in the United States and is clearly one of the favourites here, might have felt the same but he is not the kind of man to be satisfied with anything but total perfection. For him "it was a brutal day for golf, the kind when you felt like a nonentity and came off with a headache."

The change in the conditions was starkly illustrated by his playing of the 427-yard eighth. In practice the day before he had hit a three wood and pitched wedges; now he needed two drivers. The second was from 215 yards out but he had to give it the whole works to get home.

Then to the ninth tee on a little promontory jutting out into the Firth of Clyde beside the lighthouse, where you risk vertigo and death by drowning in ordinary circumstances. Pneumonia was an additional hazard yesterday morning. Norman hit a superb drive over the boiling sea and the rugged cliff face and, though the ball ran unkindly into the far rough, as it will usually do because of the slope of the fairway, he skillfully saved his

four to reach the turn in par 35. It was hard work coming in, with providence perhaps now transferring allegiance to Faldo a few holes back. A bunker demanded a four at the short 11th; the left rough, transformed the 12th from a four to a six; and again at the 14th and 16th his tee shots wandered to the left.

The 500-yard 17th is always vulnerable to a player of Norman's power, even in these conditions, and a broad smile there after holing his second putt for a birdie, spoke of inner serenity. He tossed the ball blindly over his head and his caddy, alive to his master's exotrovert ways, neatly caught it. There's never a dull moment when this man's around.

At the short fourth, having changed direction through 180 degrees, Langer drifted his ball back to perfection. Nicklaus's ball hung in the air, gull-like above the green, and luckily bounced down off the shoulder of a mound to leave him 30 feet from the pin. But he putted four feet past and missed the birdie.

Progress was now slow, with six players waiting to tee off at the sixth. Langer took two shots to get out of a bunker he had dropped a stroke, Nicklaus got his three, and they both stood at two over par. At the seventh those formidable wrists rescued Nicklaus when he was almost invisible in long grass in a ditch behind the crowd; on the longest hole he was firmly on the green in three but again two putted when well positioned. Davis, his game remarkable for its erratic fluctuations, sank a putt from 60 feet. For a man who has come second in some 20 tournaments it is odd that he should still find it necessary to have his name embroidered in large capital letters down the outside of his socks beneath his plus-fours.

At the ninth, alongside the lighthouse, the spray off the rocks was almost reaching the players' backs. All three were into rough, Nicklaus and Langer both recovered well, but again Nicklaus two putted between the ninth and the 14th he would drop six strokes. His concentration seemed to be wavering as conditions grew more cold and blistery and by the 16th he was 11 over par. Langer had also been dropping strokes but a birdie at the 16th and an eagle at the 17th suddenly brought him back into contention. Nicklaus also eagled the 17th to make things a little more respectable. It was a day on which things could have been worse for him than they were.

It was rewarding to save another stroke with his first successful long putt on the final green. Langer, whose nerves had held all the way, smiled in acknowledgement.

Two over par after two holes, Nicklaus hit a glorious long iron to the third green and his second shot, backing back from where the ball lay to get a better look at the flag above the Turnberry hotel, in its elevated position on the hillside. He judged the wind exactly. Hitting the ball at least 20 degrees seawards away from the flag he watched it curl back on to the green, only to two-putt from within reasonable range.

**CYCLING**

## A model team man gets his reward

From John Wilcockson, Blagnac

There are no easy days on the 1986 Tour de France. "We all have tired legs from the two mountain stages," said Davis Phinney, the captain of the American team 7-Eleven, after yesterday's 14th leg which did not produce the hoped-for promenade.

The American, who won the third stage of the race 12 days ago, added: "The problem is that 90 per cent of the riders have no chance of overall success, but they all want to win a stage."

Ironically, the stage victor in Blagnac, a modern suburb of Toulouse, was Niki Ruttmann, who moved into eighth place overall as a result of an eight-minute time gain.

His win was just reward for this model team rider who had helped his team-mate and the race leader Bernard Hinault, through the last 20 minutes of Wednesday's climb to Superbagneres.

Yesterday, the 23-year-old Swiss rider sprinted away from his three breakaway companions three miles from the end of the 96-mile stage to win by half a minute from Christophe Lavainne of France. Iwan Poels of The Netherlands and Paul Hagedooren of Belgium.

Their break followed a fierce tactical storm in the

**CRICKET**

## Running out of resolution

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

It is not so much with eager anticipation that one looks forward to today's second one-day international at Old Trafford for the Texaco Trophy as with morbid curiosity to see what England get up to next. In losing to New Zealand at Headingley on Wednesday their running between wickets was a downright embarrassment.

When they were losing in the West Indies last winter there was a lot of sympathy for them, at any rate to start with. When, then, they were being outplayed by India, their defeats were less tolerantly received. After they had been bowled out on Wednesday for 170 the anger of their followers was aroused.

The word was that the New Zealanders could scarcely believe their eyes as first Lamb then Richards and finally Ellison were run out as though they and their partners were making a documentary on exactly what not to do. It was really dreadful.

It was not only the running, either. Benson played a wet shot. Gooch a casual one and Gower one of those frilly things of his. Gating looked at the pitch as though to blame it for his dismissal, whereas in fact it was his own judgement that had been at fault.

honour of playing for England is no longer the stimulus it should be. Either that or they have lost their nerve, or they are just too wretched, or we were simply lulled into over-rating them by last year's recovery of the Ashes.

**Today's teams**

ENGLAND (from): M W Gatting (Middlesex, captain), G A Gooch (Essex), M R Benson (Kent), D I Gower (Leicestershire), A J Lamb (Northamptonshire), C W J Athey (Gloucestershire), D R Pringle (Essex), J C J Richards (Surrey), J E Embury (Middlesex), P H Edmonds (Middlesex), N A Foster (Essex), M Ellison (Kent), G R Dillie (Kent). NEW ZEALAND: J V Conry (captain), B A Edgar, J G Wright, K R Rutherford, M O Crowe, A J Lamb, R J Hadlee, E J Gray, J D S Smith, J G Bracewell, W Watson. 12th man: T E Blain. Umpires: K E Palmer and N T Plews.

If there is no improvement today goodness knows what the selectors will do for the best when they sit down this evening to choose the side for next week's Test match. Yes, another Test match.

Gooch's place must be in jeopardy now as well as Benson's. Pringle is not an England No 6 with an interminable tail to follow him; the bowling is erratic and the fielding lacks sparkle. If the side is not careful, Boycott will be brought back. At least he would have to be dug out, though come to think of it he

**SPORT IN BRIEF**

## Gloves row at meeting

Carl King, manager of the world heavyweight champion, Tim Witherspoon, stormed out of a rules meeting of the World Boxing Association (WBA) in London yesterday after losing an argument about the gloves to be used in Witherspoon's title defence against Frank Bruno at Wembley tomorrow.

King, who had insisted on American gloves, was overruled when the WBA official in charge of the contest, Chalermpong Cheosakul, ruled that neutral Mexican-made gloves would be used. Bruno's manager, Terry Lawless, had insisted that Bruno would not be able to get his hands into the American gloves.

## Big chance

The amazing rise of the 21-year-old National League rider, Paul Thorp, of Stoke, reaches a new peak on Sunday. A bizarre injury to the American rider, Kelly Moran, who slipped on a hotel carpet and severed a wrist artery, puts Moran out of the Inter Continental championship final at Bradford. Thorp, the first reserve, steps in to become the first rider from the National League, speedway's second division, to appear at this stage of the world final. Thorp now has a fine chance to reach the world individual final in Katowice, Poland.

## Cup debut

Andrew Castle makes his Davis Cup debut for Britain when he plays Paul McNamee, of Australia, at Wimbledon today. Castle, who recently gave a fighting display against the No. 2 Wimbledon seed, Mats Wilander, has been included in Somerset's Prudential County Cup from July 21 to 25. Essex are the defending champions.

## Cowie call

Shona Cowie won a last-minute call-up to Scotland's Commonwealth Games swimming squad yesterday. The 18-year-old, from Peterhead, comes into the team in place of Paul Easter, who has glandular fever. Cowie will compete in the 800 metres freestyle and the 200 metres butterfly.

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